

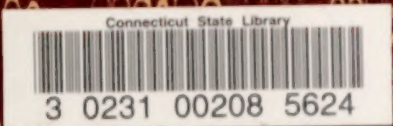


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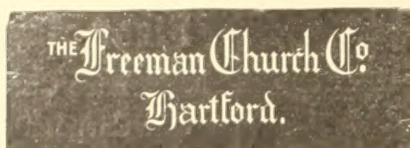
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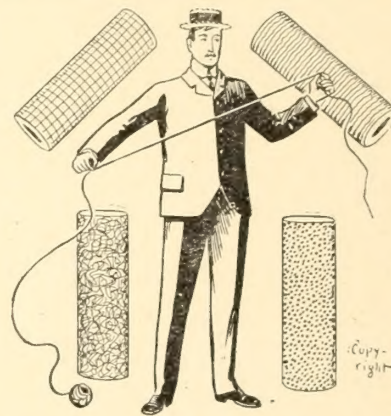
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WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO-DAY?

BY NIXON WATERMAN.

We shall do so much in the years to come,

But what have we done to-day?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give to-day?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer:

But what did we speak to-day?

We shall be so kind in the after while,

Bpt what have we been to-day?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought to-day?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth;

But whom have we fed to-day?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,

But what have we sown to-day?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,

But what have we built to-day?

'T is sweet in idle dreams to bask,

But *here and now* do we do our task?

Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,
"What have we done to-day?"

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THE CONNECTICUT CAPITOL.

BY WILLIAM HARRISON TAYLOR.

In 1893 the people of this country were given an enduring object lesson in the possibilities of municipal architecture by having the ideal reality in the white city on the shore of the great lake at the Chicago World's Fair. The encomiums that have been lavished upon the projectors and executors of those plans are well deserved, and the beauty and symmetry of it all will remain a joy forever in the hearts of the American people. Twenty years previous to this time the people of Connecticut planned for a state house, which was destined to prove as remarkable an example of a model building, for the purpose designed, as was that prototype of what a city might be, so forcibly impressed upon us in the summer of 1893.

The location so favorable, happily chosen by most excellent judgment, for

our Connecticut Capitol building, the style of architecture, so perfectly adapted to the location and the thoroughness, honesty, and economy with which the building operations were carried on and completed, are cause for congratulation for the people of the state and all who were identified in its construction.

The first regular session, in its entirety of the General Assembly that was held in the new Capitol was in 1879, but for a few days just prior to adjournment of the previous session the members met in the new building, the first time they assembled there being on March 26, 1878. Richard D. Hubbard was then the Governor, Francis B. Loomis Lieutenant Governor, and Charles H. Briscoe, Speaker of the House.

Connecticut had had four state house buildings before this. Previous to 1719 the state owned no building for its especial use. The records do not say where the legislature met, but it is believed to have met in some church.

The first state house, built in 1719, was a wooden building with a gambrel roof and a cupola, and stood in front of where the old state house, now Hartford's city hall, now stands, the front part of it being on the sidewalk on Main street. It was partially destroyed by fire on April 20, 1783, when there was a celebration in honor of the treaty of Paris, during the administration of Governor Jonathan Trumbull. In 1796, when the present city hall was completed for a state house, the old wooden structure was removed to Church street, and was long ago demolished, some of the timbers having been used in building the stables in the rear of the United States Hotel, where they undoubtedly are to-day.

The second Connecticut state house was the brick one on the Green in New Haven, built in 1763.

The third one was Hartford's present city hall, before referred to, commenced in 1792 and finished in 1796. At the May session of the Assembly in 1793, the sum already provided having been insufficient to complete the building, the building committee were authorized to hold and manage a lottery to raise \$5,000. The scheme, however, failed, as they did not realize the required amount.

The total cost was \$52,480. The architect was Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth. The bricks used in this building were made in Elmwood.

The old building is rich in historical associations; there the famous Hartford Convention assembled in 1814, and the Constitutional Convention in 1818, when our present constitution was adopted. There General Lafayette was received with military honors in 1824 and there the supreme court room has been the scene of many celebrated cases argued by our most able lawyers. Upon the occupancy of the new Capitol this building was turned over to the city of Hartford.

The next building erected by the state for legislative purposes was on the Green in New Haven; begun in 1827 and finished in 1830. With an imposing front of massive Doric columns it was a famous landmark there until 1887, when it was removed. The architect was



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Ithiel Towne, and total cost \$41,500. The last session held there was in 1874, after which it was turned over to the city of New Haven.

In July, 1871, the Legislature appointed a commission and directed it to procure plans and build a state house at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000. The com-

\$400,000 of said appropriation shall be drawn in one year.

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The city of Hartford gave \$500,000 in addition toward the building, and donated the site of 13 acres, which was purchased from Trinity College for \$600,000.

000 in addition to the above-named sum.

It is with satisfaction that we contemplate the fact that the building material, East Canaan marble, found by a commission appointed to examine it, to be durable and eminently suitable for the purpose, comes from within the borders of our own state, and it is not to be wondered at, with the experience of some of our sister states in capitol building before us, that the honest work of our commission and contractors is worthy of more than passing comment and dwelt on with pardonable pride by our people. To the Connecticut Capitol Commissioners, especially to the chairman of the board, Alfred E. Burr, and to the contractor, James G. Batterson, the Capitol stands a monument more eloquent than any words, descriptive of their work, can be.

In architecture the building is an example of modern secular Gothic, on a general ground plan of a parallelogram. Its extreme length is 295 feet 8 inches; depth of center part 189 feet 4 inches; depth of wings, 111 feet 8 inches; depth of intermediate parts, 102 feet 8 inches; height from ground line to top of crowning figure, 256 feet 6 inches; level of building ground line is 84.7 feet above mean low water at Saybrook. It has four fronts, nearly corresponding with the four cardinal points of the compass, but the main front, the north one, is little used, compared with the others. It is the east front, the entrance most used by pedestrians from the city, that is the most attractive. Upon this are the medallions of the Charter Oak, the march of Hooker and his party to Hartford and the preaching of Davenport to his flock upon their arrival at New Haven. Above these are bust medallions of Noah Webster, Horace Bushnell, Joel Barlow, George Berkeley, John Trumbull and Jonathan Edwards, and statues of Roger Sherman, Thomas Hooker, Jonathan Trumbull and John Davenport cut in fine statuary marble, are placed in positions designed for them. Places have been left on all sides of the building for many statues, busts and historical designs.

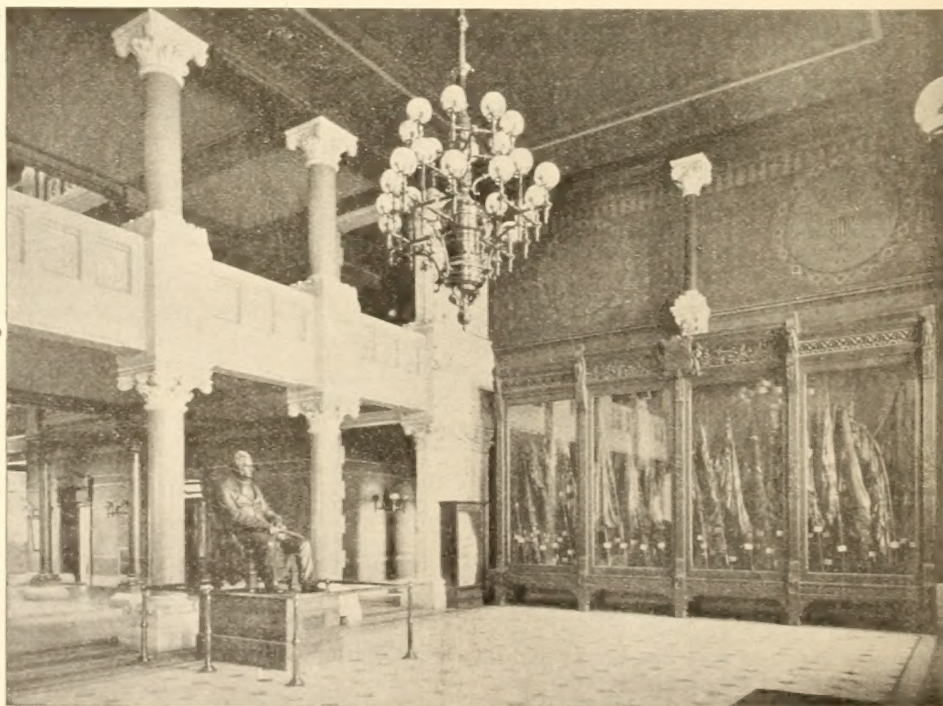


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mission invited bids, to be in by January 1, 1872, for plans for a building, not to exceed \$900,000 in cost. Five sets of drawings were sent in, but the commissioners were unable to decide among them, and a new competition was invited. Eleven sets of plans were submitted in response, one of which was agreed upon, and a contract was made with J. G. Batterson to erect a building for \$875,000. Foundations for the building had already been put in, and the work well under way when the General Assembly at the May session, 1873, ordered all work stopped and authorized the governor to appoint a new commission with authority to draw on the comptroller for \$500,000, in addition to the previous appropriation. The new board decided it was best to proceed with the existing plan with such modifications as would give a thoroughly fire-proof building, and an alteration of the design, the most significant change being the substitution of a dome for the clock tower of the first design. The improved plans were submitted to the General Assembly of 1874 and the following act was passed in relation to the appropriations needed for the completion of the building, according to the altered plans: "Resolved by this Assembly, That the further sum of \$1,000,000 of any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of this state be, and the said sum is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of completing the new State House. And the president of the Board of Capitol Commissioners is hereby authorized to draw his orders upon the comptroller for the above amount, as it may be needed for the construction of said building, provided that no greater amount than

Upon the completion of the labors of the commissioners they reported to the state the sum of about \$13,000 unexpended of the appropriation.

The building was completed in 1880 at a total cost of \$2,532,524.43, which sum included heating and ventilating apparatus, elevator, statuary, etc., amounting to nearly \$100,000. The furnishings of the building cost about \$100,-



BATTLE FLAG CORNER, BUCKINGHAM STATUE AND PUTNAM STONE.

Just inside the east entrance in the lower corridor is a statue of Nathan Hale, head thrown back in a spirited, defiant attitude, indicative of the nature of the man, on the granite pedestral of which is cut his memorable last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." This statue was dedicated in 1887. On this floor in the north corridor is the figure head of the "Hartford," a bronze tablet to John Fitch, a native of Windsor, the first to successfully apply the principal of steam to propulsion of vessels through water, and the model of the bronze statue which crowns the dome. This statue was ordered by Mr. Batterson from the celebrated sculptor, Randolph Rogers, of Rome, Italy, and was cast in Munich. The plaster model belonging to Mr. Batterson was presented to the state.

In the centre of the floor directly under the dome is the gun captured from the Spanish battle-ship *Viscaya*, recently placed there. In the west corridor is the statue of William A. Buckingham, governor of Connecticut for nine successive terms; our war governor, serving through those troublous times of the early sixties, it is especially fitting that, sitting here, he should be guarded on either side by the emblems of those stirring times, the battle flags of our Connecticut regiments, eloquent in their silent reference to days of pathetic memories; he it was who put them into the hands of the troops and received them when they returned with the commendation and sympathy which their achievements merited. They were placed here on Battle Flag Day, September 17, 1879, amid the greatest celebration that ever took place in Hartford. His statue was placed there later and dedicated on June 18, 1884. Here is the historical wheel, with its records and the marks of battles thereon. Here also is the gravestone of the most famous of Connecticut's war heroes, the redoubtable Putnam, who dared to lead where no one dared to follow.

There are portraits of General Putnam and Governor Buckingham in the governor's room on the second floor, which is the main floor of the building, containing the legislative halls of the Senate and the House of Representatives, lieutenant-governor's room, secretary of state's office, and other state offices. In the secretary of state's office is the famous charter granted by King Charles in 1662,—or the duplicate charter, probably—framed in wood from the Charter Oak, and the original document of our constitution of 1818. In the Senate chamber is the Charter Oak chair, one of the most beautiful pieces of workmanship in the building, and the original full length portrait of Washington, by Gilbert Stuart.

Concerning this picture Mr. James B. Hosmer, an intimate friend of Daniel Wadsworth, writes in his diary or note book, which is in the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society,—

"Mr. Wadsworth says that the portrait of Washington in the Senate chamber of the State House was painted by G. Stuart for the city of Charleston, S. C. The citizens did not take it because they preferred him in military dress. Stuart was glad to have them leave it, for he thought it the best likeness he had ever painted of him. It was painted while Washington was President of the United States,—the head was taken from life, the person from a young gentleman near the size of Washington; Washington

was 6 feet 2 inches in height. Stuart kept it until his rooms were such that he was obliged to sell it; the state bought it and paid I think \$800 for it.

One of the most interesting of all rooms is the state library on the third floor. Here are the picture of the governors of the state from the first one to the present time, with the exception of fourteen of the early ones, of whom no likenesses could be procured.

When the late librarian, Dr. Charles J. Hoadley, was appointed to the position in 1854, there were no complete set of books, and in fact all the books could be put into one side of one of the present book cases. To day there are over twenty-five thousand volumes belonging to the library, and it is one of the best

signed by John Tallcott, in response to which the charter of 1662 was presented, the commission appointing William as very postmaster of Hartford, under the name of John Fitch, was presented, and signed by him, and in the year 1662, the first money was issued to build the first house in Hartford, before mentioned in this article, an original invitation to a election ball; a series of 1000 coppers, coined by authority of the state, bearing the name of the state, and other records, and documents, and are preserved.

There are other objects of interest about the building, that cannot be mentioned here, such as the portraits of the for-



THE NORTH CORRIDOR.

and most complete in the United States. Besides his untiring efforts in perfecting it as a law library, for which it was designed and maintained, Dr. Hoadley, who was distinguished as one of the most accomplished historical students in the country, collected a vast amount of the most interesting and valuable material pertaining to the state's history. Among the most important of valuable documents here are the commission of John Winthrop as first magistrate of Nameock, now New London, October 27, 1647, which has on it the oldest known impression of the seal of Connecticut; the letter of credit taken by Governor Winthrop when he went as agent to procure a charter for the Colony of Connecticut.

mer state officers in the various rooms, the Tingue collection of buttons, the statues of ex-Governor Hubbard and Colonel Thomas Knowlton on the Capitol grounds, the Krupp gun in the north corridor, the picture of General Nathaniel Lyon in the office of the adjutant-general and the picture of the Putnam wolf den in the state library.

The arrangement of the eighty rooms of the building for the use of the state officers, committees and members of the legislature, suggests the attempt to the convenience of the officers and the public having business with them.

The most ornate and beautiful centers in the dome, from the time the first glitter is seen, perhaps from mill-



PARK RIVER AND EAST BUSHNELL PARK, SHOWING DISTANT VIEW OF STATE CAPITOL.

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May, until the 102 steps from the elevator landing, or 275 from the ground floor, have been climbed and the magnificent view of the country for fifty miles in extent is spread before the eye. The dome is constructed of marble, like the rest of the building, is richly adorned with fresco, columns and galleries, and its area of 4,100 square feet was covered at time of building with 87,500 leaves of gold, 23 karats fine. At each angle of its twelve sides is placed a female figure, representing *Justice*, *Art*, *Law*, *Commerce*, *Science* and *Agriculture*, two each. One-half size models, exquisitely graceful, are standing at the entrances of the gallery to the House on the third floor. The large figure representing the Genius of Connecticut surmounts the dome and holds two wreaths, one of immortelles and one of laurel, and on its breast a scroll with the motto: "Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem."

May the influence of our tutelary Genius be for the good of the commonwealth, may we constantly have a just appreciation of this State Capitol.

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THE TEACHERS' MEETING.

The meeting was a noble, without pretension, that a prime necessity to good country school work is a pure and merry one. So important is this meeting, that even if weather and our banks will cooperate, it should be all means be successful. I am not at all of a different opinion, but am not convinced that even a poor country meeting is better than

none at all. Without the periodical assembling of teachers and officers for council even the best of work is weak and lame. There is no such thing as acting in perfect harmony, co-operating intelligently and effectively, with everybody keeping step to the music of Sunday-school progress, if the teachers know each other officially only in the recitation hour.—*Our Young Folks*.

Cheerfulness, enforced at first, by and by inspires a gracious contentment, and self-sacrifice, at first a conscious struggle loses itself in the self-forgetfulness of love. In such ways as these the daily crosses of duty change into the many-rayed crown of life.—*Brooke Herford*.



THE VISCAYA GUN.

A POINT FOR THE SABBATH

Not as much attention as it deserves has been paid to the action of the House of Representatives on Monday, February 6, in regard to legislation made on the Lord's Day. It has become the custom to meet on Sundays to listen to eulogies on deceased members. Meeting for that purpose on Sunday, February 8, those in charge of the conference report on the bill establishing the new Department of Commerce presented it to the House, in order that it might be acted upon the next day, a rule of the House requiring a conference report to lie over one day.

On Monday, however, objection was stoutly made that Sunday was not a legislative day, and that the presentation of the report was void. Speaker Henderson insisted that the House could make Sunday a legislative day if it chose, and had virtually done so. An appeal was taken from his ruling, and the House sustained the appeal.

This incident was a triumph for the Sabbath and also for patriotism, since like all other laborers, our legislators can do better work for the nation if they observe a day of rest and worship.—*Youth's Companion*.



FIRST BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Association was held Tuesday evening, March 31. It was well attended. After the usual reports had been read, officers were elected for the coming year.

Considerable interest was caused by the proposal to change the hour and place of the Sunday evening meetings. It was finally voted to hold them in the Vestry at 6.30 p. m.

The pastor preached on a recent Wednesday evening at the special Lenten services in Simsbury, and on Sunday evening, at anniversary exercises of the Swedish Baptist church.

The Ladies' Missionary meeting was held in the vestry of the church at 3 p. m., April 10. The leader of the meeting was Mrs. J. M. Lester. The subject was "The Marvelous Opening of Western China." Tea was served at 4.15.

Plans are under way for the ordination to the Christian ministry of Mr. Roca, our Italian missionary. By present arrangement the services will be held afternoon and evening of Tuesday April 28.

The men's meetings closed last Sunday after a most successful season, thus ending the seventh year.

Our Easter services were largely attended, the seating capacity being taxed to the utmost. An unusually large number were baptized.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

At the annual meeting of the church all the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and at the annual meeting of the Sunday-school all officers were re-elected with the exception of assistant superintendent. Mr. Philip C. Walcott, a student at the Hartford Theological Seminary, has accepted that appointment.

We were very glad to have with us our missionaries in Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, with their son and daughter, for a few days. Mr. Wilder occupied the pulpit one Sunday and gave a most interesting and instructive discourse on the present condition of affairs in Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder have now returned to their mission field.

We also had with us this month Mr. Saibara, who is ex-president of the Doshisha, in Japan, who, through an interpreter, gave us a very interesting address at our young people's meeting. The church has collected the amount required for the erection of a parish house on the vacant lot just east of the church. The need of such a building has long been felt and plans will be rapidly carried forward.

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual meeting was held on the evening of Monday, April 6. The reports showed the Society to be in a prosperous and harmonious condition. The committee reported the purchase of a new boiler for the heating apparatus and new carpets for the church. The hall is more in demand and renting better than ever before.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president, Mr. Wm. E. Dickinson, for his long and faithful service. Mr. Charles D. Francis was chosen president; Mr. Ira A. Mather, vice-president; Mr. Wm. T. Halliday, treasurer; Mr. Frank M. Mather, secretary. The committees will be the same as last year. Thirteen new members were admitted by vote of the society.

A Poverty Social was given in the lower hall on the evening of April 1. The amusing costumes, the April jokes, the music of a hurdy-gurdy and a graphophone, filled the evening with an amusing medley. The sewing circle held a sale at the same time, the tables being prettily arranged on the platform. Mrs. Carroll had charge of the domestic table; Mrs. Lester, of fancy articles, and Miss Hazel Preston of candy.

The sermon on "Yellow Journalism," delivered before the Ministers' Meeting, was published in full in the *Hartford Times* of April 1, with a complimentary editorial notice.

A large audience was present on Easter Sunday. Mr. Waite gave a fine sermon on the "Real Resurrection," and the choir presented a fine musical programme.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL

Communion was served at the service on Fast Day evening.

The Easter concert, on Sunday evening, was very well attended. Songs and recitations were given by the children, also two anthems by the choir. The decorations were beautiful, Easter lilies, pink tulips and asparagus ferns being used.

Mr. Whittaker will give a stereopticon lecture on Tuskegee Institute, on Thursday, April 16.

On Friday evening, April 17, the Church Aid Society give a ten cent supper, followed by a social hour.

During the month of April, our pastor is taking charge of the intermediate department in the Sunday-school, taking up special Bible study.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Mr. Newel C. Osborn to Miss Adelaide Canfield, on April 23.

FIRST METHODIST.

At the close of the New York East Conference on Wednesday, April 8, our pastor, Dr. McCormick, was returned to us. The church cordially greets him back again.

Easter was observed by special exercises in the Sunday-school. At the close of the exercises, eighteen members of the school were taken in on probation.

The evening service was under the auspices of the Washington Commandery, Knights Templar. Special music was rendered by a double quartet under the direction of Mr. Clarence Shumway.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Dr. Stone received his usual welcome on his return from his Washington trip and had the privilege of baptizing two members of the Sunday-school the following Sunday. The church was well represented at the banquet of the Hartford Baptist Union in spite of weather. At a union meeting of the senior and junior C. E. societies, on April 12, Dr. Stone was presented with a group photograph of the juniors, to which he responded in his pleasant genial vein.

The State Woman's Home Missionary Society met with this church, April 14, and an interesting programme was provided.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION

The Mission wishes to thank all those who have assisted them the past month.

We observed Easter by giving a concert from 3 to 4 p. m., consisting of singing, speaking, and instrumental music. The room was very prettily decorated with Easter flowers given by different classes, and afterwards they were carried to the sick and aged.

March 28, Miss Goldie Mack returned from Pittsfield, Mass., where she had been visiting her brother.

Miss I. Mill, one of our earnest workers, has accepted a position as teacher in one of the day schools at Rowe, Mass. We all wish her the best success.

The daughter of Mr. Longdon of Webster, Conn., and Ines Woodford Calkins, have been taken to their last resting places.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

On March 22, our pastor exchanged with the pastor of the Elmwood church.

Our church organist and choir have been re-engaged for the ensuing year, a reception being given them March 30 by the church members. The evening being very stormy, only a few were present.

Sunday evening, April 5, a stereopticon lecture was given of Booker T. Washington's work at Tuskegee, Ala.

Easter Sunday was observed with appropriate music and a special musical service in the evening was furnished by the Asylum Hill Church choir and organist.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The church was very handsomely decorated for Easter, with a large quantity of Easter lilies and azalias, and some other plants, loaned by members of the congregation for the day. The local committee displayed very good ability in the arrangement.

The Sunday-school gave an Easter concert in the evening, our superintendent, Mr. Barnes, leaving an excellent programme. The school gave us an Easter offering, \$43.22, towards the church debt. This was all raised by the children in envelopes representing Easter eggs.

Five dollars, and two and a half of this sum was in gold, was offered by the superintendent for the two classes raising the largest amounts. One of the classes raised money for a new desk to be used in the Sunday-school room. This was used first Easter Sunday.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

After being six months without a pastor, we are now looking forward eagerly to the coming of our new pastor, Dr. Wm. H. Main. We are constantly receiving congratulatory letters and expressions, on securing Dr. Main for our church. We believe he will prove a most worthy successor to our late pastor, Mr. Dixon, and a valuable addition to the able body of ministers of the Gospel, for which our city is noted. He will commence his services with us on April 15, probably taking charge of the weekly prayer meeting on Thursday the 15th. His first sermon will be delivered on April 19. On Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m., a "Recognition Service" will be held in the church, in which service a number of our local ministers will take part. Special music will be rendered, and the sermon preached by Dr. Cortland Myers of Brooklyn, N. Y. After

the services an informal reception will be given Dr. and Mrs. Main in the chapel, to which the public is invited. A programme of the service will be published in the daily papers. We have enjoyed hearing a goodly number of fine preachers in the past six months, and have been helped very much by them, but are glad we are soon to have a permanent leader for our people.

The regular meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Conference was held in our church, on April 6. The principal address was given by Dr. W. C. Bitting, of New York. Twenty-five of the brethren were present, and the address was very inspiring. A generous dinner was provided by the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The Junior C. E. Society gave an entertainment for the benefit of missions on April 3, and netted a satisfactory amount.

We are having a "spring house cleaning," preparatory to the coming of Dr. Main. A new carpet has been placed in the rostrum; the society has just completed the installment of a hot water heating plant in the parsonage on Capitol Ave.; electric lights are being placed in the chapel, and our fence is receiving a fresh coat of black paint.

Our prayer meetings, both weekly and Y. P. S. C. E., have been well attended, and have been helpful. We notice an increased attendance at our Sunday morning services, and it is probable that both morning and evening services will be held Sundays commencing this month.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We are rejoiced to see some out again who have been deprived by ill health of meeting with us, but while some return, others depart.

We meet with a serious loss in the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crocker, who are to locate in Simsbury.

Colds are prevalent, and Easter was celebrated by us with a little special music under difficulties, from the choir master down, but the sermons abounded with thoughts and teachings appropriate to the day.

For the immediate future we anticipate no change from our regular services.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The mid-year meeting and banquet of the State Y. P. C. U. held at Danbury, Conn., April 4-5, was attended by five delegates from the Hartford Union. All report a very enjoyable time. The condition of the Union in the State is very gratifying.

Thursday evening, April 9, a special Easter service was held at which Dr. Adams finished his course of Lenten addresses. The Holy Communion was observed after the address.

Friday evening, April 10, a service in commemoration of Good Friday was held at which Dr. Adams gave an address. He was assisted by Rev. W. W. Ranney and Rev. Burdette B. Brown.

Easter Sunday special services were held in the church in the morning. The altar was very beautifully decorated with lilies and palms. The music was excellent, being rendered by the choir assisted by several auxiliary voices in the chorus.

Fifteen new members were received into the church and given the right hand of fellowship by the pastor, Dr. Adams.

At 4.30 in the afternoon, occurred the special vesper service of the Sunday-school. The school attended in a body and there were a great many of the older members of the church present.

Dr. Adams read an original story entitled "Over the Mountain," an Easter parable, which was excellent, and thoroughly enjoyed.

Monday evening, April 13, the adjourned annual meeting of the parish was held in the vestry. Reports were read by the trustees, treasurer, and the several societies in the parish. The reports of the trustees and treasurer show the parish is in excellent condition financially with a bright outlook ahead for another year. The treasurer's report shows a substantial balance on hand, and the trustees have received a large number of new pledges in the weekly offerings, besides increases in old pledges, which greatly enlarges the revenues of the parish. Taking all these into consideration the condition of affairs is most praiseworthy.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

The rector, Rev. Geo. R. Warner, and Mrs. Warner, left Hartford April 3, for Grand Junction, Col., where they expect to spend the summer with their son, Dr. Geo. R. Warner, Jr., who is a very successful dentist there. Mr. Warner stood the journey very well and his friends will hope to hear of a decided improvement in his health, from the change. Mr. Warner's resignation takes effect May 19.

The Rev. John L. Holah, of Belleville, Ontario, who has been supplying the pulpit during Lent, and at Easter, left for home during Easter week. Mr. Holah was away on a year's leave of absence, having been to England on a lecturing tour, and was spending the winter with friends in Middletown. He made many friends while with us.

It is expected that the Rev. Frederick B. Cole of Wickford, R. I., will officiate both morning and evening the second Sunday after Easter, April 26. Mr. Cole assisted Mr. Warner as lay-reader when he was a student in Trinity College, and his old friends will be glad to see him.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

Presiding elder, W. A. Richard, preached and conducted Quarterly Conference on March 22. The same day the Men's Assembly was addressed by Dr. David I. Green on "The Tenement House Problem."

The Epworth League literary meetings, "Evenings with American Authors," are proving to be very interesting. The April meeting, held on the 22d, will be devoted to Washington Irving.

A supplementary Boy Choir has been organized and made its first appearance Easter Sunday.

Floral decorations, special music and the Resurrection theme, made the Easter services beautiful and inspiring.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Lenten season just closed has been one of great activity in missionary work and attendance at service.

The Women's Benevolent Society has packed a box of clothing, and the Missionary League of the Sunday-School scholars has spent Friday afternoons in framing pictures and making fancy articles, which will go to the mission fields before the Christmas season.

Sunday school attendance has been very regular, though somewhat decreased due to sickness, whooping cough having been very prevalent.

Easter Sunday was one of special interest, the bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. C. B. Brewster, being in attendance at both the Sunday-school Festival service in the afternoon and evening service, at 7:30, at which latter service, the Rite of Confirmation was administered to a class of 62 persons.

The afternoon service was marked by a large attendance of parents and friends, who, with the scholars, well filled the church.

A floral cross was built on a larger scale than in previous years, and was afterwards sent down to the Open Hearth Mission.

The school increased its Easter offering for missions nearly ninety dollars, reaching considerably over \$250.

Capt. Goodman's class of boys was awarded the banner for best attendance, and led the procession, which was brightened by the other class banners, awarded for deportment, scholarship, and best primary class attendance. Mem-

bers of the banner classes were given yellow badges, and those who had attended all sessions during Lent were given blue badges, while those who attended all meetings of the Missionary League were given sterling silver star pins.

It is estimated that over twenty-two hundred persons attended the four services.

The Mission Study Class has been brought to a close after a very interesting review of the work of "The Church in Alaska."

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Easter services were very well attended, beginning with the early morning Carol service, followed by the full morning service at 10:45 o'clock, and ending with the Sunday-school Festival in the afternoon.

The interior of the church in its Easter dress looked very beautiful. The flowers were in full bloom and were rich in color. The Easter lilies were interspersed with the rich colored azalias and others, making a fine effect.

The music at both the early Carol and the full morning services was well rendered by the choir under the direction of the organist, Mr. A. M. Hollingshead. The rector made a brief address at the early service and preached a sermon on the "Risen Lord" at the morning service.

At the Sunday-school service, the scholars were awarded cards for scholarship and attendance. A number of children were baptized.

The carols were heartily sung and the rector made an address to the children.

The scholars were presented with potted plants, and the Easter offering for mission work was taken.

The Men's League meeting for April will be addressed by the rector, Rev. Geo. T. Linsley, and his subject will be, "The Supreme Court of the United States."

The Girls' Friendly Society will serve a lunch.

The young women of the parish are to give a play in Colt Memorial House Thursday, April 30, entitled, "The Old Maids' Convention."

The money received will be used toward purchasing table ware for use in Parish house.

The Spring number of the "Parish of the Good Shepherd" has just been issued.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. A. B. S. Wallace, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Thompsonville, preached for the pastor at the regu-

lar mid-week service, March 26.

Rev. Dr. George M. Stone preached the sermon at the Preparatory service in the chapel on Friday evening, March 3.

The regular quarterly communion service was celebrated on the first Sunday of April. Thirteen persons were admitted to the fellowship of the church.

The Young People's Association gave a very enjoyable social and supper in the parlors of the church on Tuesday evening, April 7. The entertainment consisted of various games and a spelling match.

On Easter Sunday, the Sunday-school presented an exercise entitled "An Easter-Tide Consecration Service." A collection was taken up for the Board of Foreign Missions.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society was held Tuesday evening, March 3. Officers were elected. A committee was appointed to look into the question of advisability of consolidating the society and church body.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Bishop Brewster visited Christ Church on Mid-Lent Sunday, March 15 and confirmed twenty-one persons. He was greeted by a large congregation, which listened attentively to his earnest and helpful sermon.

The Lenten services at Christ Church, especially on Thursday evenings, have been very well attended, and much interest in them has been manifested.

During Holy Week the number of services was somewhat larger than in former years. An innovation was a special devotional service of preparation for the Easter Communion, on Maundy Thursday evening, instead of the usual Communion at that time. The result of this change was plainly visible in the very great increase in the number of communions made this year, on Easter Day, at Christ Church.

The Three Hours' service on Good Friday was very well attended, an atmosphere of earnest devotion being present in a marked degree.

Easter Day was kept fitly with joyful services, bright music and beautiful flowers. The congregations were the largest in several years, and the Offering at the morning service one of the largest on record. In the afternoon the Sunday-school Festival was held. The children marched in with banners and long stemmed lilies, which they offered before the altar, and which were afterwards taken to the sick and shut-in.

Work on the new Hoadley Memorial at Christ Church has begun and will be carried forward as rapidly as possible. It will result, it is hoped, in a great improvement to the general appearance of Christ Church.

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THE NATION'S DRINK BILL.

Statistics for the past year in regard to the nation's drink bill reveal the fact that the consumption of stimulating beverages reached the highest point known in the history of the nation in 1902, the total bill footing up \$1,369,098,276, a sum fairly beyond comprehension. A comparatively small portion of this, about 200 millions, was for non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea and cocoa, but deducting this item, the total is still enormous. Increasing population and higher wages and profits doubtless accounts largely for the increased consumption over previous years, but it looks decidedly as though the temperance forces were hardly holding their own ground.

Coffee and beer may be termed the two American beverages, the former probably leading slightly in quantity, but the latter leading fully four fold in cost.

The total number of gallons of all

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stimulating drinks, including tea and coffee, is conservatively estimated at between three and four billion gallons, and as this goes down the throats of but eighty million people, the wonder is that there is still room for the pure water provided by the Creator for his creatures.

The total revenue to the United States government in 1902 from spirituous and malt liquors was \$193,126,915. License fees aggregating an immense amount were also collected by municipalities throughout the country—a profitable business on the face of it—until the cost of our prisons, jails, courts, poor-houses are taken into consideration, when the net result is not so gratifying from a business standpoint, to say nothing of the awful showing from a moral and physical one.

NON-CHURCH GOERS.

Statistics are said to demonstrate that church membership has more than kept pace with the increase in population in our country, but they have not yet proved that either relatively or actually has church attendance held its own. In fact the number of non-church goers seems if anything to be steadily increasing in proportion, and in view of this fact the increase in church membership reported may signify but little.

Indifference is probably the main reason for not attending church; the multitude of outside diversions, too, especially in summer, attracts many away from religious services.

It is a serious problem and one to cause apprehension, since the vitality of the Christian Church depends largely on the active religious life of its adherents, and this cannot be maintained, unless in a few individual cases, except by mutual worship in the house of God. Liberal benevolence, so-called church work, and other side issues, cannot take the place in the individual of a devout spiritual life.

It is essential that the duty of church attendance be made plain to every church member. It is essential that the rising generation be trained in the habit of constant church attendance and those who are called to minister to the churches have the right, indeed, it is their plain duty, to call to account those who habitually neglect church attendance. A little discipline in this case would have a beneficial effect every time, in the long run.

LORD'S DAY WEEK.

No one who observes the signs of the times can fail to notice the increasing disregard of the Lord's Day on the part not only of those who confessedly belong to the world, but also on the part of the

church. With pain and sorrow the disciples of the Master see Him "wounded in the house of His friends." The commandment to keep holy the Sabbath Day has never been repealed. As a pledge of God's loving kindness it lays an arresting hand upon secular toil and secular amusements, and gives breathing space for rest of the body and of the soul; for physical recuperation and for spiritual cleansing and exaltation. Any nation that forgets to obey God's command as to Sabbath rest is on the down grade. Any individual who ignores the same command shortens his physical and starves his spiritual life. In order to check this ever-growing tendency toward Sabbath desecration, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance proposes a special Lord's Day Week from April 19 to 25, and urges that Christians everywhere unite during this period, in specific prayer for the restoration of the Christian Sabbath. This seems a reasonable and timely request, and should not be ignored. From every standpoint, physical as well as spiritual, the results of Sabbath observance are wholly beneficial, both to the individual and to the community.

A FRENCH VIEW OF DOWIE.

A recent number of the Literary Digest contains a translation of a very interesting study by M. de Norvins in La Revue de Paris on the phenomenon of Dowieism:

"John Alexander Dowie," he says, "was called upon to choose between the methods of his predecessors. He would not have made the choice that he did unless that he had found a hitherto unworked field and one which is assuredly the most American that could be developed.

"With remarkable sagacity, he seized the psychological moment to appear in the United States as both the Barnum and the Pierpont Morgan of religion. It was an idea of undoubted genius to have chosen as aids to religion the great factors of American life—commerce, industry, and financial speculation, that tripod on which the whole Union rests. A commercial, industrial prophet who was a man of affairs, an organizer of enterprises paying fabulous dividends—such a one could serve the glory of God and solidify his temple in a thoroughly up-to-date Yankee style. Is it not a master-stroke of Americanism that a man who proclaims himself the direct representative of God on earth should be accepted as such not only because of his pretended Messianic qualities, but also because he is the man who understands better than any one else the fluctuation of values, as well as the heights and depths of the human soul?"

CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADERS.

The second summer conference for leaders of missionary work in Sunday-schools and young people's societies will be held at Silver Bay, on Lake George, July 22-31, 1903. These conferences aim to combine exceptional facilities with practical training for more effective missionary work in young people's societies and Sunday-schools.

In addition to the young people's secretaries and other official representatives of Mission Boards who are expected to be present, an invitation is extended to leaders in local Sunday-school and young people's organizations.

The forenoons of the Conference are devoted to devotional Bible study, and to consideration of methods of deepening missionary consecration among young people. The afternoons are given entirely to recreation. Vesper services are held in the evening, addressed by prominent speakers on spiritual themes.

Congratulations to the Asylum Hill Congregational Church which has a new parish house already fully pledged for, and soon to be erected.

For the loan of the illustration of the Swedish Baptist Church, we are indebted to the architects, Messrs. Curtis & Johnson, No. 26 State street. This is but one of the many edifices, large and small, which this firm has designed and supervised, to the entire satisfaction of the owners.

For the privilege of reprinting the article on "The Connecticut Capitol," by Mr. Wm. Harrison Taylor, we are indebted to "The Connecticut Magazine." The cuts used in the same connection were also loaned by our esteemed contemporary.

The series of five addresses next month, promised by the Y. M. C. A., by city pastors, on "Why I belong to my particular denomination," deserves more than passing notice, and should be of general interest. It is one of the good signs of the times, when ministers of differing creeds can each speak his message to a congregation of diverse believers, and yet be sure of a respectful and attentive hearing.

It is reported that a young man, being examined preparatory to joining the church, was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" "Under nobody's preaching," was the prompt reply, "I was converted under my mother's practicing." Did any preacher ever utter so powerful a sermon as the young man embodied in those few words.—Selected.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The annual "Free Will Offering" meeting was held on March 17 in the chapel of the Center Church. A devotional service was led by Rev. J. A. Macmillan, of the South Park M. E. Church. The address of the afternoon was by Rev. R. H. Potter of the Center Church and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The members of the union were glad to learn of Mr. Potter's early temperance education by an active member of the W. C. T. U. That Hartford possesses a pastor who was spared the sight of a drunken man, until grown to manhood, is cause for congratulation. If the good things Mr. Potter had to say of the work of the W. C. T. U. are true, and we fully believe they are, the world may justly be proud of the organization. Mrs. P. H. Ober favored us with two solos.

At our session of April 7, Mrs. F. A. Brackett gave a very full and interesting account of recent temperance legislation in Vermont, having visited the state for the purpose of gathering information upon the subject. She could not, in the time allotted, present all the material obtained. We would that all who are ignorant upon the subject, and the number is large, could have listened to the reading of Mrs. Brackett's paper. It was educational, surely.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

A very enjoyable Easter service was held in the Home. Mrs. E. F. Jennison had charge. Miss Myers of the Fourth Church sang. Quite a number of our friends gathered with us, but best of all, the Lord was there in blessing. Many beautiful flowers were sent by friends, and we were able to send some to sick people.

A trip to Cedar Mountain recently was much enjoyed and we found quite a number of wild flowers. We have also been working in our Home garden. We try to make this a bright and attractive spot in summer, and believe it has a softening and refining influence in our neighborhood.

The "Shelter" is a busy place, as it is home, not only to those who are with us, but to the many who have gone out

to work in other places, and who look to us for counsel and comfort. They visit us and come to the services when they can.

Many of them have received Christ into their own hearts and are now striving to help others in the same way.

Mr. Fulton, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Dunlap have had charge of our Friday morning meetings during March and April.

HON. T. B. REED ON SUFFRAGE.

Thirty years ago hardly any political assemblage of the people was graced by the presence of women. Had it needed a law to enable them to be present, what an argument could have been made against it! How easily it could have been shown that the coarseness, the dubious expressions, the general vulgarity of the scene, could have no other effect than to break down that purity of word and thought which women have, and which conservative and radical are alike sedulous to preserve! And yet the actual presence of women at political meetings has not debased them, but has raised the other sex. Coarseness has not become diffused through both sexes, but has fled from both. To put the whole matter in a short phrase: The association of the sexes in the family circle, in society, and in business having improved both, there is neither history, reason nor sense to justify the assertion that association in politics will lower the one or demoralize the other.—Hon. Thomas B. Reed.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The church was very tastefully decorated for Easter.

The ladies gave a supper Thursday evening, April 16.

The fiscal year of the parish ended with Easter Day and new envelopes and pledge cards will shortly be distributed.

ST. PATRICK.

St. Patrick, the apostle of Ireland, arrived on the shores of Erin in 432, accompanied by twenty-four fellow-laborers. Tradition fixes on Kilpatrick, Scotland, as his native place. The residence of his father was in Gaul. His proper name was said to have been Succat. In his sixteenth year pirates had carried him into Ireland, and sold him to an Irish chief, whose flock he tended for six years. After his liberation the constraining power of the love of Christ prompted him to proclaim the glorious liberty of the children of God to those who had held him in bondage.

Well acquainted with the language and customs of the country, he assembled the people by the beat of a drum in the open air, and told them the story of the sufferings of Christ. The Druids opposed all their influence to his efforts, but his amiable and commanding character disarmed hostility, and in a few years all Ireland was converted and the country covered with churches and monasteries.

Patrick lived in the district of Macba, and around him the town of Armagh sprung up. He died in 465, leaving the church in a flourishing state.—*The Watchword*.

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES. MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the church was held on April 3. Reports were read and officers were elected for the coming year. The following Thursday the annual roll call of the church took place. The attendance was good, and responses were sent by many absent members. Nearly every organization connected with the church sent in a report giving account of the work of the year.

An Easter concert was given by the children of the Bible school. There was a very large attendance of parents and friends to listen to the songs and recitations of the children. The church was bright with flowers contributed by the classes of the school and afterwards sent to the sick.

We are glad that so many of our members who have been ill are slowly recovering.

The parsonage is now at 144 Retreat avenue, instead of on Congress street.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The members and friends of the church are pleased to learn that the Rev. J. A. Macmillan has been reappointed for another year, by the Bishop, at the recent session of the New York East Conference.

The ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a prayer-meeting in the chapel on the afternoon of Good Friday.

The Ladies' Aid Society served a 10-cent supper in the chapel on Wednesday evening, April 15.

The weekly meetings of the teachers of the Sunday-school are proving of great interest and help. Besides the study of the lesson, there is each week a short discussion on some topic of interest to the school. On Tuesday evening, April 14, a social of the teachers was held at the parsonage and a very pleasant evening was spent.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Dr. Cregan, one of the secretaries of the American Board, was with us Sunday, April 5, occupying the pulpit in the morning and in the evening, giving an address on "American Influence in the East."

The Fast Day service was in the evening at our chapel, the Methodist Church, and the Congregational Church at Poquonock, uniting with us. Addresses were given by Prof. Beardslee and our pastor.

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.—*Theodore Roosevelt.*

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The past month has found all branches of this church in an unusually active condition, each department endeavoring to put new life into its labors.

The Good Friday service, at 10:45 a. m., was well attended by a musically inclined audience, who were attracted by former good work under Mr. Loveland's direction. Nothing but praise can be accorded him for the excellent work rendered.

Miss Clara Lang led the Endeavor meeting Easter Sunday evening in a very acceptable manner.

The church on Easter morning was well filled, children being well in evidence. The decorations were very beautiful and much admired.

The evening service on Easter Sunday called out a large audience, filling the church to the doors. The cantata, "St. Mary Magdalen," was beautifully rendered by the choir and chorus.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Easter Sunday was observed as usual with special music. Exercises were held in the evening by the Sunday-school.

A special meeting of the Pavilion Ecclesiastical Society was held Monday evening, April 13, to hear the report of the Parish House Building Committee and to decide upon a method of disposing of the church seats for the coming year.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give a Social and Ice-cream Sale Friday evening, April 17.

The flowers and plants left from the Easter decorations were distributed among the sick in the parish.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On Tuesday evening, March 31, "An Old Maids' Convention" was given, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, to a crowded house. Excellent work was done by the ladies who participated in the entertainment, showing marked ability both as vocalists and elocutionists. Mr. Fontaine, in the dual capacity of "Prof. Makeover," and director, covered himself with distinction, and in appreciation of his services the ladies presented him with a bouquet of beautiful carnations. At the conclusion of the "Convention," ice cream was served. The net proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$51.

A series of afternoon talks, bearing upon the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, was given by Mr. Roger Dunlap of the Theological Seminary, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Passion Week. They were

designed especially for the young people and proved of much interest.

Easter was observed by a prayer meeting of more than common interest, at 7 a. m. At 10:45, the regular service was held. Rev. Mr. MacGeehon preached an Easter sermon of much power and there was special music of a high order. At 4 p. m., a concert was given by the children, assisted by Mr. Colton, violinist.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The church and parish house were none too large for the audiences at the services on Easter Day.

The removal of the old parish room gives much more light, with the new windows in the roof.

The men are finishing the room of their club in the parish house. They expect to have it completed in time for the bazaar and entertainment which occurs from April 21 to 25.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

On Thursday evening, March 26, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer of Winsted, gave an exceedingly interesting and instructive account of the great convention recently held in Chicago, for the consideration of the subject of the religious instruction and training of the young.

A parish social, under the direction of the southwest section, given in the church parlors, on Friday evening, March 27, was very largely attended and much enjoyed. A pleasing program of music, tableaux, statuary and a reading was well carried out under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Selden.

The Sunday-school held its quarterly review exercise on Sunday, March 29.

The Sunday evening service, March 22, was devoted to "Reminiscences of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher."

Because of a special Lenten service the first Sunday in April, the Mission Study Class was held on March 29. The subject was "The Invasion of Love in India."

Organist F. S. Smith arranged special music for Easter Sunday which was rendered by a choir of female voices. In the evening the service, "Hail, Mighty Victor," was given by the Sunday-school under direction of Superintendent W. H. Hall. The singing by the Sunday-school choir was greatly enjoyed.

The "good" man with bad habits is far more dangerous to our growing youth than the bad man with bad habits.—F. V. Irish.

Mrs. Maria C. Treadwell, president of the Connecticut Woman's Christian Temperance Union during 1882-3, died suddenly in Florida on February 4th.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

"What are you looking for Bill?" asked the head burglar, of his assistant. "We've got everything worth taking." "Don't know about that," replied Bill. "I'm now looking for the several hundred dollars which the newspapers tomorrow will say we overlooked in our haste."—Chicago Daily News.

A full line of bicycles for the 1903 season can now be seen at A. H. Pomeroy's, 98 Asylum street. His line includes the Tribune, Columbia, Hartford, Iver Johnson and others, of varying prices.

The salesroom of W. W. Hunt & Co. is conveniently located at No. 24 State street and a fine stock of trees, plants, vines, etc., is offered this spring. It is now time for spring planting and orders should be placed at once.

This firm's facilities for handling a large trade are better than ever, the Blue Hills Nurseries being now well developed and producing some of the finest stock ever offered in the Hartford market.

Mr. Eugene S. Drake is now the procurer of curtains are cleaned in a most thorough and in the past year he has wonderfully improved the place. The stock of plants, both potted and for bedding purposes, is large and in the best of condition. Mr. Drake will make a specialty for the next few months of filling and caring for cemetery vases and urns, a matter which can safely be left in his charge.

Now that house cleaning time has fairly arrived, it will be well to keep in mind the excellent class of work turned out at Pierce's Steam Laundry, 1130 Main Street. Both carpets and lace are cleaned in the most careful manner.

Mr. Grogan (who had decided to "propose"): "What a power of funerals they do be havin' at the church these days. Shure, it's shtarted me thinkin'."

Miss Cahey: "Thinkin' av what?"

Mr. Grogan: "That whin it come toime fur my funeral would you be my widdy?"—Philadelphia Press.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

CITY COAL COMPANY.

The public is respectfully notified that Mr. R. Hakewessell, formerly with The Acme Machine Screw Company, and Mr. G. U. Kierstead, who for some years has been with The Hatch & North Coal Company, have formed a partnership for the purpose of dealing in coal, and will trade under the name of City Coal Co.

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WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The scope of the work at Warburton chapel has broadened considerably during the past weeks, and those who are responsible for the changes feel confident that the chapel is entering upon a season of increased usefulness.

For the convenience of all who have errands at the chapel, or who wish for information, or such help as can there be supplied, a daily office hour has been fixed between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning, when either Mr. Phelps or Mr. Perkins will be found in the building.

Another important addition to the calendar is the Sunday evening service, designed especially for those who have no regular church home, and for those whose household cares make it difficult for them to attend church in the daytime. The second of these services held on March 29, was addressed by the Rev. Rockwell H. Potter, who will share in the work with Mr. Phelps and Mr. Perkins, by being occasionally the preacher of the evening.

A Girls' Bible Class, on a week day, has further been added, which has the same aim in view as the Sunday-school, and would add its contribution to supplying the lack of adequate Bible teaching in the public schools. There have been some Sunday-school class socials and a Sunday-school concert in the month just past.

WALLACE'S NURSERIES.

Mr. W. E. Wallace, the nurseryman, has opened up a salesroom at No. 294 Asylum street for the convenience of his numerous patrons. This is a new departure, but it saves the trouble and time of a trip to the West Hartford Nurseries, and the variety and quality are as fully guaranteed as if taken direct from the nurseries.

Mr. Wallace has spent the past winter at Grahamville, S. C., where he also has extensive nurseries, the product of which is sent here for the local trade. Thus large field grown stock are well started and thrive wonderfully when transplanted here in the spring.

Mr. Wallace has issued a catalogue which can be had for the asking. It is very attractively illustrated by photos from actual specimens raised by Mr. Wallace for his patrons, the collection of roses being remarkably fine. Besides the numerous varieties of roses, which are fully described as well as illustrated, the catalogue contains descriptions of hardy ornamental trees, evergreen trees and shrubs, hardy flowering shrubs, climbing plants and hard perennial plants. Mr. Wallace also carries a large stock of carefully selected fruit trees.

All orders are promptly delivered, and where required, competent men are furnished to do the planting.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

During the month of April the various departments closed their season's activities. The Hillyer Institute has had a most profitable winter, large enrollment, and deep interest among the students. The closing banquet of students was held Monday, April 13.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held Monday evening, April 20. Reports will be presented by chairmen of the various department committees. The fiscal year of the Association ends the 30th of the month and the Finance Committee and Board of Management are doing all possible to close the year with all obligations fully provided for. Considerable help is needed to bring this about and the Board of Management would welcome any further assistance from friends of the work. The public anniversary will be held in Parsons's Theatre, Sunday night, May 10. The speaker will be Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn.

The Boys' Department Bible Study Club closed its season's work this month and had an average attendance of 85 boys every week in the various Bible study classes. Eighteen boys took the International Examination on the Life of Christ, with much credit to themselves and the Association. The Men's Bible Study Club closed the season's work with a banquet on April 7. Fifty young men were present.

Sunday afternoon meetings are being held in Jewell Hall at the present time, interesting addresses being given at 4 p. m., by Rev. Alfred A. Wright of Boston. Beginning Sunday, May 10, there will be a series of five addresses by leading city pastors on the question "Why I belong to my particular denomination." The object of these addresses is not for controversy, but to give the men information concerning the great principles of the leading denominational bodies.

One of the young men active in the Physical Department recently met with a painful accident in his place of employment, losing his right arm below the elbow. A basketball carnival was held in the gymnasium April 18, by the various clubs as a benefit to help this young

man in his trouble.

A spring term in Bible Study has been arranged and is being conducted by Mr. Jacks. A series of 8 studies was arranged, taking up interesting questions concerning the Bible that all students need to know. The class meets Tuesday evening, from 7 to 8 o'clock, and is open to any young men who might like to attend.

MORGAN ST. CHAPEL.

The sewing school of the chapel closed for the season Tuesday, March 31, with an ice cream treat for the children, which was thoroughly appreciated. Friday evening, April 3, an exhibition of their work was given to the friends of the Mission. The gathering also included the members of the Kitchen Garden Class, Pleasant Hour Club, Loyalty Club and Mothers' Meeting. Each department was represented in some way, either by song or recitation, and the work of the various clubs was reported to some extent.

On Easter Sunday, a special service was held at the regular hour for Sunday-school. The children gave suitable recitations and sang Easter carols, and Rev. H. E. Peabody made a most interesting address. The whole was under the direction of Mr. Burton P. Twichell, superintendent of the Sunday-school. Miss Louise Twichell played a beautiful violin solo which gave great pleasure to the audience. After the exercises, each child received a potted plant.

Many of the people of the neighborhood gathered for the evening service which consisted largely of Easter music, with an address by Rev. W. W. Ranney.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

Never since its organization have the friends of the Open Hearth more reason for encouragement in the full success of the work. Every branch of the great institution is prosperous and the fully attended meetings each evening bear witness that this prosperity is not merely a material one. The Women's Club and Girls' Club, where many spend delightful evenings, is fully appreciated, and the number of members in both are increasing. The Easter season brought gladness and, in fact, the close of the most delightful and prosperous winter ever experienced by all in the Open Hearth. The business increased far beyond all expectations, and many who have never purchased wood of the Open Hearth before, have become regular patrons. This gives opportunity for a considerable number of men who come to us, and are only too glad to work a limited number of hours for

their board at the institution. The gardens are now being prepared for seeds and soon we shall have a recurrence of last year, when many families were given a plot of ground and came each evening to plant and water and tend the flowers when they appeared. The presence of a splitter by one always a warm friend of the work, has increased the facilities, and a horse and wagon fitted for the delivery of wood in any quantity, and in any part of the city, has been purchased. The Easter service conducted by Superintendent Miller was a glad and joyous one and his address, as usual, an eloquent and able one on the Resurrection of our Lord. A cross of beautiful flowers from Trinity Church was donated and after the service flowers were distributed and many sent to the sick and infirm. Another large illuminated cross with the motto, "He is risen," was made expressly for the occasion by one of the constant attendants of the Open Hearth, to show his love for the work. Superintendent Miller is constantly engaged in some branch of the work and can be seen by all callers from 9 to 11, in the morning, or from 7 to 10 in the evening of each day.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES

The April meeting of the Union will be held Friday evening, the 24th, at the North Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning at 7:45 p. m. The theme of the evening will be "Christian Endeavor and the Mission Problem," and will be handled as follows:

"Settlement Work," Miss Eleanor Johnson, Farmington, Conn.

"Mission Study Classes, the Purpose and the Plan," Mr. Charles A. Stanley, Jr., Hartford Theological Seminary.

"Reflex Influence of Missionary Activity," Prof. Curtis M. Geer, West Hartford, Conn.

Mr. H. H. Spooner, superintendent of the Temperance and Christian Citizenship Department of the State Union, will conduct a conference on this branch of work at the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Tuesday, May 1, at 7:45 p. m.

Field Secretary Hatch, of India, was met on a recent visit to the Arcot Mission, of the Reformed Church, by half

the village, led by the Christian Endeavor Society, beating eleven drums that were formerly used in heathen temple.

MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

The "Forward Movement," by which a thousand churches have been induced to support a thousand missionaries, has awakened a missionary interest and a consequent activity in extending the missionary cause such as has never before been known. Those who are pushing forward this movement are looking for help from all the different organizations connected with the church, but from none with greater hope and confident expectation, than from the Endeavor societies. The reason for this is obvious. In the C. E. they find that ambition, enthusiasm and buoyancy of spirit which, together with intelligence, are just the qualifications necessary for accomplishing any great undertaking. Work in the Endeavor societies is being organized and a hearty response to the efforts put forth by enthusiastic leaders, is being received from some societies, but it is the hope of those interested, to see all the societies in the Hartford Union thoroughly aroused to the privileges and benefits there are in missionary work, to the end that the spiritual forces of the young people may be utilized more directly in the great work of evangelizing the world.

And what can be done more than is now being done? The Central Missionary Committee of Hartford, and the Missionary Superintendent of the Hartford C. E. Union, are trying to systematize the work, so that all the societies will be working on similar lines, and thus get help from the thought that others are interested and working in the same cause. For example, no very efficient work in any line can be done, which is not intelligent work; so it is urged that every society should have a missionary library which the members shall, in some way, be induced to read. But as thorough knowledge comes only by study, it is very desirable that study classes be organized to study the whole missionary field, and it is gratifying to find how many such classes are being conducted in this vicinity this winter. Excellent books for this purpose are furnished by the United Society at a merely nominal price. The knowledge derived from such a study is inspiring knowledge and inspiration make enthusiastic workers, and working Christians are the only ones that count now. By means of the study class, members are trained for efficient work on our missionary's committees, which will arrange for systematic giving in the society, and provide some definite object

for which to give. This is the forward movement in the "missionary movement." The opportunity is now given to every society to do its part, and to help their missionary board in a practical subject, such as supporting a missionary in a foreign field, supporting a missionary, educating a missionary, and our societies and churches may help themselves some such work, and our reports directly from their societies, and then they are brought into direct and vital relation to the advancement of missions. Their sympathies are fully aroused, missions become a regular subject of prayer, and a part of their regular work. In your society, what does this mean? It may mean that the committee of the Superintendent will be glad to help you in any way of suggestion or in preparing a stimulating address to your society. The monthly meetings, topics of our future card studies, and attention is being given to our studies, and should you desire help in any manner, any meetings, there are those ready to come to you and help, and we will make your meeting and confer with your missionary committee. Shall I say more of such a conference?

Yours in the work,

JAMES R. THAYER

Missionary Superintendent.

Hartford C. E. Union.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

(From the Presbytery of the Methodist Church.)

Sun., Apr. 19. Topic—The Sacred Sabbath. Matt. 12-1-13.

The Maker of man is the Maker of the Sabbath as part of his creation for man. Therefore the Sabbath is made to fit man's needs and promote his powers. To hear some people talk one would imagine the Sabbath was a torturing and satanic invention, opposed to the necessities of human nature, and laying a heavy yoke upon men's shoulders. As a matter of fact, wherever the Sabbath is truly observed man grows every way.

While the Jews observed the Sabbath obediently and simply, they prospered. Scotland, the land where the Sabbath has been most strictly and scripturally kept in modern times, has given the world more great men, in proportion to its size, than almost any modern country. The day God made for man elevates and strengthens man wherever it is consistently observed.

It used to be the habit of many skeptics, to sneer at the Mosaic code of health laws. It is now alleged, by modern hygienists, that it is a marvellously correct code, and that the survival of the Jewish race, even in the crowded Ghettoes, is due to it. It is now the fashion to sneer at Sabbath laws. But the Sabbath laws will justify themselves in centuries to come in just the same way as helping and preserving man to serve God.

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

SWEDISH BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

The new edifice of this church, which is located at the corner of Broad and Russ streets, is about 70 feet long, by 45 feet wide, and has an audience room, 38x43 feet, with a chapel in front, facing Russ street, 19x21 feet, and over the chapel, a gallery. The seating capacity is about 300, handsome opera chairs being used throughout.

of slate and inside finish of cyprus, the rooms being wainscotted. The ceiling is of cyprus, panelled off in a handsome manner.

The windows are filled with leaded glass in artistic colors, the large rose windows on sides and the half window in front of gallery being especially fine.

The building is lighted by both gas and electricity, is heated by furnace and has first-class plumbing throughout, and is complete in every detail.



SWEDISH BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

The baptistry is arranged so as to be used without interfering with the use of platform. A neatly panelled screen conceals the entrance to baptistry, which is by steps on either side and in rear of these steps are dressing rooms for men and women. Above the platform and baptistry is the choir gallery. Entrance is had to all these rooms direct from Broad street.

The chapel has rolling partition between it and the audience room and at one end of the chapel is a good sized kitchen, fitted up with sink, range, dressers, etc., and may be entered direct from Russ street. In the tower is a pastor's study, fitted up with book cases, etc.

The building is very substantially built of brick, with stone trimmings, roof

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Job 38:22, 23, 29.

The United States has been a land of opportunity. We owe the world to one as well as to the other. We must send it to the dwellers of the snowfields as well as to the children of the sun. Our Christian responsibility. All the evils, all the dangers, of mining-camp civilization make the problem of the miners doubly hard.

The Alaskan natives have responded wonderfully to the Gospel when they have been protected from the liquor traffic and the unscrupulous trader and sailor. We have taken the Alaskan, and we have a chance to give a Christian life.

There is a call for more workers, but the hardship is great, and few are willing to endure for Christ what the miners gladly endure for gold.

More men are needed for this Arctic work.

What Does the Father of the Prodigal Son Teach Us? Luke 15: 11-32.

The father of the prodigal knew the danger the prodigal lay before his wilful son. Yet he gave him his portion and let him go, freely to work out his own desire. Only thus could the prodigal learn his lesson, and find out his own ingratitude and ill-desert. The time had come when he must work things out for himself.

A forced filial obedience is no filial relation at all. Our Father in heaven will love true sons and daughters or none. So he leaves the souls of men free. He does not want us ever to leave him; but if we turn from him and go into sin, he does not compel us to love him.

It is impossible for the spending of our own spiritual portion. God gives each of us the full portion. If we love the Father of our spirits we will strive to use our portion with and for him and dwell near him. To go away from God is to waste our portion and end up in the far country of sin.

What Does the Father of the Prodigal Son Teach Us? Luke 15: 11-32.

Zacchæus was a man to whom his fellow-townsmen saw no goodness, or hope of goodness. He was a publican, an outcast, and disliked. Not until Jesus, looking upon the despised publican, chose him as his friend, and expected salvation from him, did the impulse to be noble rise in the breast of Zacchæus. Because Christ loved him, and believed in him, Zacchæus became worthy to be a disciple then and there.

What Christ did for Zacchæus he does ready to do for anyone to-day. No one is so hopeless as to him. Christ is the best in every soul and calls to the best. What one else expects from him, he expects us to be pure, loving, truthful, honest, unselfish, righteous; and his love gives us the power to become all this. He loves us even in our sin, and that he takes us out of our sin and into the only life worth living, this day and forever. Shall we not respond as Zacchæus did?

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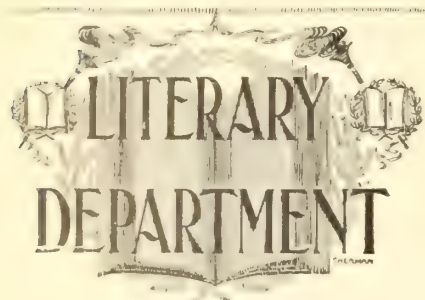
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Everyone is proud of the whole issue, in which the illustrations on "Battle City" and the continuation of "The Progress of the American Revolution," the illustrations are so strong and interesting.

Another example of a comparatively new illustration in a magazine. It is issued in a most attractive cover and the illustrations are of high literary excellence. The frontispiece adorns the inside cover. The illustrations are very good.

"The Destruction of the White House" is a complete and readable account of the burning of the Executive Mansion

and the adjacent grounds in Washington, which gives the name of "White House Number" to the April issue of the Century Magazine. The illustrations are interesting and of unusual excellence.

The April Cosmopolitan is a carefully balanced magazine. It appeals to the individual tastes of the many, and the many tastes of the individual. There are 17 stories and articles—101 pictures. Chief place is given to a striking article on "The Americanization of the Canadian Northwest," written by William R. Stewart.

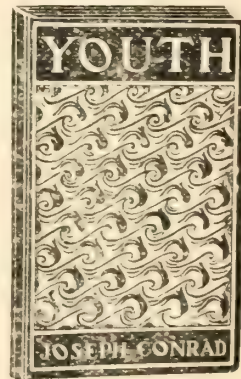
In the May Delineator is the first installment of The Bois-Brules, a novellette by Mary Hartwell Catherwood, the author of the popular Lazarre. The beginning of the story is intensely interesting and contains promise of highly dramatic events in the later development of the plot. The illustrations by Charles H. Stephens are very striking.

The Connecticut Magazine has just issued in a new form its fifth number, in Volume 7. It is perhaps safe to call this the most creditable compilation in the way of a magazine ever issued in this city. Its numerous articles and their wide range, surprise one, while the illustrations are of rare artistic and historic interest.

The articles on "Historic Taverns in New England," by Thomas Morgan Prentice, "Miniature Painting in Colonial Days" and "Connecticut and the Building of a Western College," indicate something of the interesting features of the number.

Youth. By Joseph Conrad. 381 pages, 12 mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.50.

In the few years since this story was first given to the public in a magazine, it has been given by the most capable critics, a place among the best short stories ever written. "Youth" is a remarkable short tale, full to overflowing with the wonderful exhilaration and buoyant confidence which young blood felt when brought against direst danger. It is a story of a wreck at sea, and the joy of youth so permeates it that one can only realize its power by reading it.



"Heart of Darkness" and "The End of the Tether," the two other stories in the book, are of unusual strength, but are almost overshadowed by the initial tale. Through the courtesy of the publishers we reproduce an illustration of the cover of the volume.

Dwellers in the Mist. By Norman Maclean. 284 pages, 12 mo. New York: E. H. Revell & Co. Price \$1.25.

A collection of sketches and stories of the picturesque Scot of the Hebrides, a people whose unvarnished humanity, mingled shrewdness and simplicity, hold the attention, as depicted here, and win the reader's affections as well.

"A Marriage Without a Wooing," is a chapter worthy of special note, as also is "The Woman Who Never Quarrelled." In the various sketches are notes combined, and distinct also, of pathos, of humor and terrible tragedy.

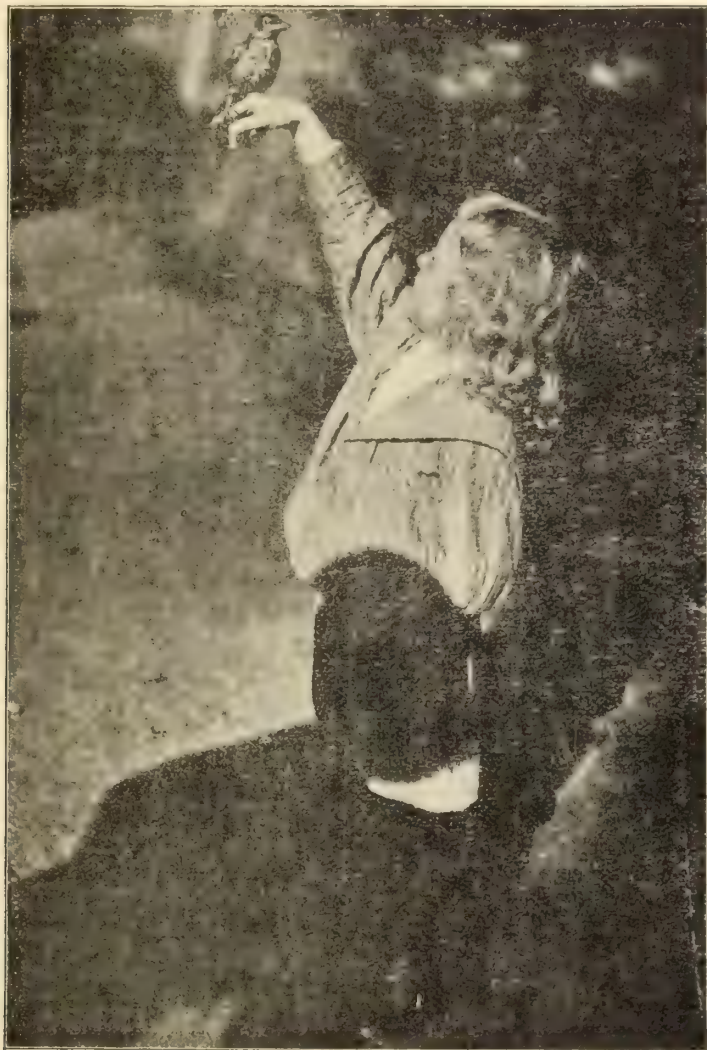


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Nature Study and Life. By Clifton F. Hodge. 514 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Company. Price \$1.50.

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versity Summer School and has further stood the practical test of teachers' institutes in various states.

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The Spy Company. A Tale of the Mexican War. By Archibald Clavering Gunter. 295 pages, 12 mo. New York: Home Publishing Co. Price \$1.50. Paper 50 cents.

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"Within the Gate" will underscore the tendency of the story, in having the same purpose of revealing the true religion with its truths and errors.

An appalling picture of slavery, as described by Krumpholtz, certainly is shown. The author touches accurately the many of the scenes in his book. The story told is given with sympathy and appreciation.

From Love to Peace. By Herbert Johnson, D. D., L. L. D. 116 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. Price 75 cents.

This is a new volume in "The Presbyterian Pulpit" series of published sermons. The vigor and interest of these sermons marks them distinctly among published material of the kind.

"The Love of God for Every Man," "Emptying the Sepulchre of a Dead Soul," "The Inescapable Conclusion," and "God's Great Praising Day" are some of the excellent discourses in this collection.

The Well By the Gate. By Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D., L. L. D. 116 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. Price 75 cents.

In this little volume are contained eight sermons of the president of Hamilton College. They are thoughtful and eloquent discourses on such subjects as "The Tower of Solomon," "The Unknown God" and "The Invisible Companion."

The Art of Disappearing. By John Talbot Smith. 307 pages, 12 mo. New York: William H. Young & Co. Price \$1.50.

The reader will find here an extraordinary story and one that will entertain him greatly, but at the same time will have a depressing effect if he be at all susceptible.

It is a story of unusual people and events and the action is dramatic and quick. It seems to be a novel with a purpose, but beyond numerous cynical innuendoes leveled at various men and institutions, the reader fails to find the purpose. It is, to conclude, an extraordinary book, and one hard to comprehend.

Kent Fort Manor. By William Henry Babcock. 393 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: H. F. Coates & Co. Price \$1.50.

It rather spoils even a good story to be warned in a preface that it is all imaginary, as the writer has done in this instance, so the prospective reader is warned not to read the foreword, but to begin the story at once.

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A Daughter of the Pri. By Margaret Doyle Jackson. 35 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

The unimpaired human interest of this story of love and devotion

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The Archierey of Samara. By Henry Howitz. 337 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: H. F. Coates & Co. Price \$1.50.

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A Comedy of Conscience. By Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. 129 pages, 16 mo. New York: The Century Co. Price \$1.00.

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San Francisco and Thereabout. By Charles Keeler. 97 pages, 12 mo. San Francisco: California Promotion Committee. Price 50 cents.

In order that the business, social and climatic advantages of California may be made of more widespread knowledge, this book is issued. In itself it is a testimony to superiority in several lines for it is a most tasteful and artistic compilation in text, typography, binding and illustration.

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Songs and Stories from Tennessee. By John Frothingham Moore. 358 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: H. T. Coates & Co. Price \$1.50.

Those who read the beautiful "Summer Hymnal" of the author, and those who have heard read, once or many times, the story of "Ole Mistis" (which, by the way, they will find in this collection), know what charm of humor, sentiment and poetry may be anticipated in this new volume.

The poems, "The Faith of Old," "Our Bob" and "Wonderful Men," are each worthy of high praise and are characteristic of the author's versatility. Of "Ole Mistis" in his prose work, its reputation has long preceded its publication here. "Hoy Old Wash Captured a Gun" and "Yesterday" are other gems in the collection.

Jewish Fore-Runners of Christianity. By Adolph Danziger. 326 pages, 12 mo. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$1.50.

Most entertaining and instructive is the story of the great leaders of religious thought in the earlier years of the beginning of Christianity. The story of Hillel, the fore-runner of Christ, is the

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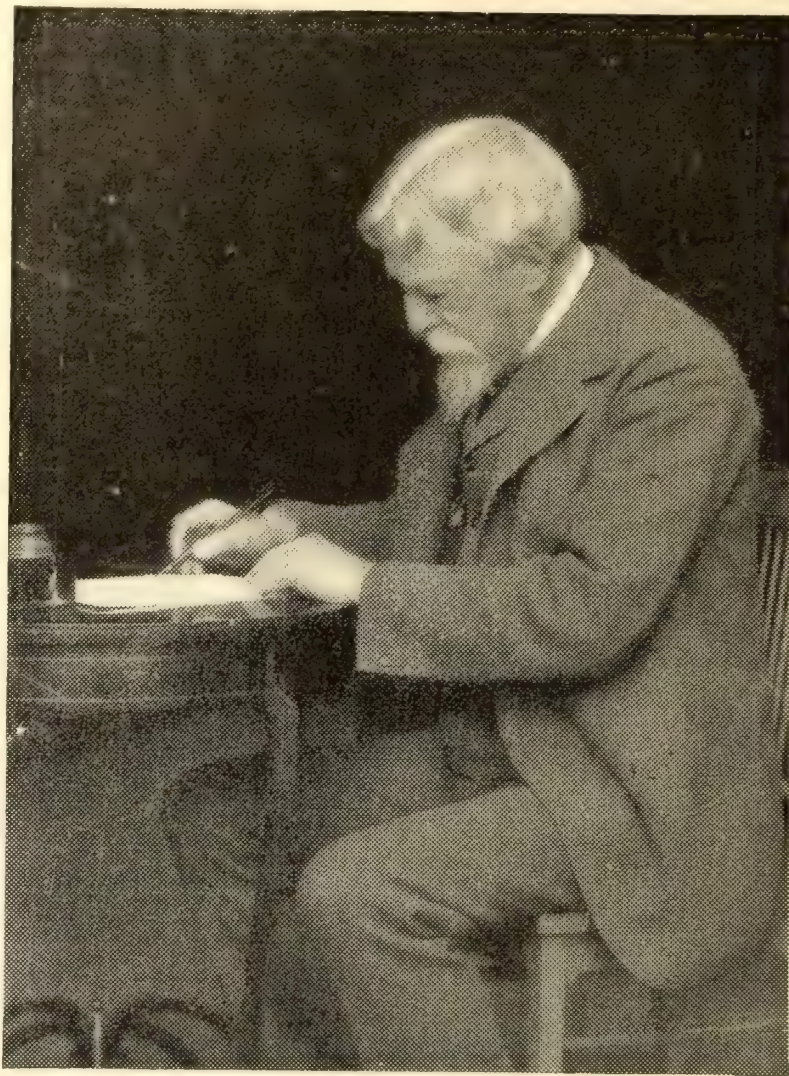
This may be considered a work of very great importance for it is comprehensive, lucid and significant. A full index completes the value of the work.

Phillips Brooks. By Bishop Lawrence. 51 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price 50 cents.

A sympathetic and appreciative study of the man is given in this little volume.

William Ellery Channing. By John W. Chadwick. 463 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.75.

A strong present revival of interest in Channing makes very timely this biography of him by John W. Chadwick. The author models the form and style of this book on his "Theodore Parker"—a biography of vital interest and value. Treating the varied and brilliant career of Channing in the same way, brings out in strongest evidence the dramatic and human characteristics of the man who left so strong an impress on the religious, social and political life of this country.



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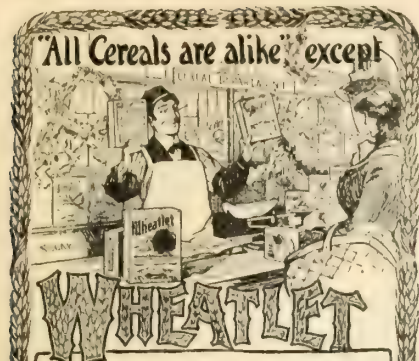
His part in the anti-slavery conflict, his prophetic attitude toward the liberality of the sects and the problems of sociology and philanthropy, are clearly presented.

New Light on the New Testament. By Parke P. Flournoy, D. D. 193 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. Price 75 cents.

This is an account of some interesting discoveries which bear important testimony as to the time when the gospels and other books of the New Testament were written. It will be found of value to all students of the Bible.

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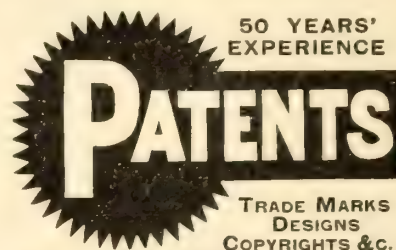
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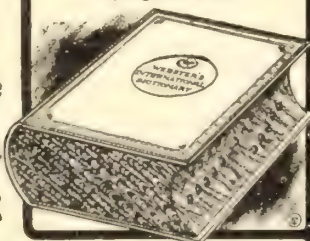
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GOD GIVETH REST.

LUCY FIETCHER.

God sends sometimes a stillness in our life,
The bivouac, the sleep,
When on the silent battlefield the strife
Is hushed in slumber deep;
When wearied hearts, exhausted, sink to rest,
Remembering not the struggle nor the quest.

He giveth rest more perfect, pure and true
While we His burden bear;
It springeth not from parted pain, but through
The accepted blessing there;
The lesson pondered o'er with thoughtful eyes,
The faith that sees in all a meaning wise.

Deep in the heart of pain God's hand hath set
A hidden rest and bliss;
Take as His gift the pain, the gift brings yet
A truer happiness.
God's voice speaks through it all the high behest
That bids the people enter into rest.

ST. ANDREW'S WAY.

The first meeting for the spread of Christianity was when Andrew found Simon Peter "his own brother" and, telling him that they had found the Messiah, "brought him to Jesus." And however loth we may be to go so far into antiquity in search of methods to apply in our modern church work, in this instance the excursion is worth while, for it is a sound method in every particular for our own generation. We all want Christianity to spread and to prevail so that men may begin to realize more of the kingdom of heaven here on earth; and we are all anxious to apply this way



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in our own churches, so that they may have a glorious share in the work of evangelization.

The first noticeable thing about Andrew's way was that he picked out his man and worked with him individually. It is the personal touch which tells, the personal appeal which wins. We have too much faith to-day in institutions and in machinery and in organizations. We do not realize that there has been no re-

peal of the universal law that it is man-power in individual portions which does the work. In football, the game is won by clever men, each of whom takes care of some one man on the other side. In the political canvass the real work is done by the appeal to the individual. The immense success of Tammany, as an organization, lies in the fact that the "boss" in that famous array knows the men, the separate men, who are as-

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Then, this American people, in the
 name of the Lord, shall be
 We miss our aim often because we try
 for comfort in the way. We are
 try to better in our hearts, know the
 and the heart. The only way to our
 medicine, when others, your pattern? It
 suffer when we are made to suffer at
 your own household. But at any rate,

life and to share the work of our church. es we need to be just as direct: to talk of our faith; to declare our own hope; to speak of our love for Christ and the Father. "Silent influence" is all very well; but we need more of the influence which talks, which expresses itself, which addresses itself to some individual. There is a shrewd saying that "Money talks." It does, and sometimes with great force. But there are other things which talk,—earnestness, conviction, desire, all speak out with force and effort when there is a great end to be obtained. I am sure that in the matter

them to listen to a favorite minister, nor to join some church club or society. We are trying to bring them face to face with Jesus the Christ, within hearing of his word, within sight of his deeds, within touch of his life. The goal of our Christian endeavor is to induce men to front the appeal and the message of Jesus, and settle for themselves whether they, too, will follow him. And that is not the business of the ministers alone. It is the work of ministers and laymen; of men and women and even the children, themselves, and when we realize the divided, the distributed, the distinct



THE GREAT HOUSATONIC RIVER.

From The Standard Magazine.

begin on somebody whom you can reach without a message or a long-distance telephone.

When Andrew found his brother he told him about the three he had in mind. The women were all right, and they were people New York would quite take a great deal of his kind. "We are too general and indirect in our ways and our words," he had noticed. "Good advertisers are never general in their address to the public. They do not say, 'Get the best'; but 'Get Jones's Breakfast Syrup.' And you will never get anything else." That goes to the point. So of course you must be Christy.

of church attendance alone, there would be much more done if there were a good deal more said in this direct and personal way.

Finally, remember what Andrew did with his brother. "And he brought him to Jesus." It is a pity that any man has crept into that fine and pregnant phrase! It has been made to do so much hack work for cheap evangelists that sober Christian men are a little afraid of it. But it covers the ground, the final aim of all our work together for the spread of the gospel. We are trying, when all is told, not to bring men into a church, not to seat them in a pew, not to induce

responsibility, we shall personally seek out our brothers, and there will be an immense revival in all our churches.

JOHN COLMAN ADAMS.

AMONG THE LITCHFIELD
HILLS.

BY EDGAR LEANE

At the advice of his physician, who charged only two dollars for telling him, Uncle William was induced to take a short rest from his arduous duties. His consultation with Cousin Jim resulted in their deciding to take a driving trip down the Housatonic Valley from Canaan. They were to drive as they pleased, with no particular point for dis-

for which the Saxon blood has been fascinated, which belongs to an unsettled mind, which is constantly stimulating the emigrant on from difficulty to difficulty, with an appetite which grew by what it fed on; a fervent imagination which always accompanies religious enthusiasm, and lights whatever is distant with rays of hope and promises of future glory; a sublime trust in God, who made the winds that howled and the snows that drifted over the wintry waste, to be ministers of His wrath and the servants of His will; these are some of the motives which led to the settlements of the forbidding hill-tops where the oak battled with the elements, and of the more inaccessible valleys where the pine and hemlock

driven in that region can readily appreciate, for it seems as though the roads were built over the steepest hills that could be found. As another writer, in commenting on the same subject, has said: "Roads were laid out of a liberal width, usually six rods, but in other respects the layout fails to command our respect. To get to the top of the highest hill by the shortest route, and thence to the top of the next, seems to have been the chief object in view, and though many of these old roads have been discarded, yet the traveler, if he has any taste for engineering, still has the opportunity to exercise his propensity."

The pleasant summer morning in a region abounding with enchanting views was thoroughly enjoyed by Uncle Wil-

had that saying in mind. It certainly is one of the most attractive towns in all New England. The extra broad, well-shaded street, or double street, for it is a regular boulevard, with nicely-kept lawns on both sides, extending through the center of the town, and the charming residences, are revelations to the traveler who comes upon it for the first time, having known nothing about it and expecting to find in this far corner of the state, remote from railroads, a primitive country village. It has an air of originality about it, too, that gives it a character all its own. This is evidenced more especially by its soldiers' monument, a huge stone cannon, with the inscriptions on its pedestal, so different from the conventional type of soldiers' memorials elsewhere seen, and by the stone clock-tower in the center of the town, which musically chimes the hours.

From Sharon over the mountain to West Cornwall and on to Kent was but a day's journey, allowing Uncle William ample time to photograph what took his fancy.

The township of Cornwall, though composed of much good farming land, and especially land adapted to the turning out of dairy products, is quite hilly and mountainous.

The Hon. T. S. Gold, in his "History of Cornwall," says: "The rocky surface of Cornwall gave large indications to the early settlers of mineral wealth, and the township was named after the rich mining region in the old country." Furthermore, the same author remarks: "When the question of a county seat was early agitated, and Cornwall put in her claim for the honor, 'Yes,' it was said, 'go to Cornwall and you will have no need of a jail, for whoever gets in can never get out again.'"

"The old divine who, passing through Cornwall, delivered himself of the following couplet, gave more truth with his poetry than is considered essential:

The Almighty, from His boundless store,

Piled rocks on rocks, and did no more."

"Another authority attributes it to Dr. Dwight, president of Yale College, who came up to look at the college lands, and thus expressed himself:

The God of Nature, from His boundless store,

Threw Cornwall into heaps and did no more."

Concerning the names of the several mountains, Mr. Gold gives some interesting information. Besides speaking of a number which were named after men who lived in their vicinity, such as Hough Mountain, Rugg Hill, Waller Hill, Bunker Hill, Dudley Town Hill, and Clark Hill, he says: "About half a mile south from his house (Deacon Waller's, at the foot of Waller Hill), we find another large hill, properly called Tower Dale. This noble name, thus written by the early settlers, has degenerated in common speech, into the insignificant title of Tarrydiddle. Going in the same direction, but a little farther removed from the river, we find Buck Mountain, so called from the great number of deer that used to be found there. The first hill below West Cornwall and nearer the river, was called Green Mountain before it became denuded of its pines and hemlocks, which in early times covered it densely. Then next south and easterly lies a long and high hill called Mine Mountain from the minerals it was supposed to contain. Cream



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lock sighed amid the tall grass of the hunting-ground. The elasticity of a ball is to be estimated by the length and number of its rebounds. This is true of emigration. The toughness of fiber, the wiry strength of the adventurer's nerves, is best known by the number of removals that he made, and their distance from the secure abodes of his fellow men. Hence you will find that the settlers of Litchfield were from the first, *picked men*. The love of luxury and ease was almost unknown to them. They built their houses on the hills of Goshen, Litchfield, Winchester, Torrington, Watertown and Bethlehem, and made their roads to them from the valleys with a defiance of comfort and civil engineering shocking to the nerves of their descendants."

The last statement, anyone who has

liam and Cousin Jim, as they journeyed by the Twin Lakes, Washinee and Washining, and thence to that grandest natural phenomenon in the valley, Canaan Falls.

In the afternoon a pleasant time was had at the Barnum, Richardson Co.'s works at Lime Rock, where the superintendent entertained them by showing them about the shops. A new tire-setting machine interested Uncle William by its wonderful efficiency. To anyone in need of such a machine he would unhesitatingly say, "Look into the merits of this one."

As the stranger drives through the beautiful streets of Sharon, his mind most naturally turns to the biblical phrase, "The rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley," and he thinks that surely those who christened the place must have

Hill, lying in the north middle part of the town, received this appellation from the superiority of its soil and the beauty of its scenery. A pretty lake lies at its foot, and in fair view from its southern aspect, called Cream Hill Lake. A high and steep mountain range lies at the northwest of Sedgwick Hollow, called Titus Mountain, and was so named from a young man of that name who, with others, was amusing himself in rolling rocks down the steep side of the mountain, and who had the misfortune to break his thigh.

"South of Cream Hill rises an isolated hill of no great height, but rough and uncomely, to which is given the name of Rattlesnake Hill. I set down here the tradition of fifty rattlesnakes killed at one time on this hill, lest the story grow larger and tax our credulity too much as to the origin of the name. This raid was too much for the snakes, as none have been found there in the period of authentic history.

"Southeasterly from Clark Hill is the most elevated land in the state, lying mostly in Goshen, from the apex of which is a view of Long Island Sound. This is called Mohawk Mountain.

"Three hundred acres of land given by the General Assembly to Yale College, is located in Cornwall, and goes by the name of College Land. Bloody Mountain, so named from a bloody tragedy not enacted there, lies north of the old Goshen and Sharon turnpike, northwest from the center of the town.

"From the summits of many of these hills extensive and magnificent views are presented, extending west of the Hudson River and over a large share of Berkshire County in Massachusetts. There are many other minor hills, the beauty and picturesque appearance of which, to be fully appreciated must be seen."

The keynote is struck in the last sentence. In vain to attempt to describe the endless number of mountain and valley views, each with some special feature of attractiveness, each grand and splendid in itself, that greet the traveler through this region. To attempt the description is mere idle repetition of words that fail utterly to adequately express his feelings.

Such were the sights that met our travelers' eyes throughout their whole drive. From Cornwall their line of travel for the next few days was through Kent, over to Roxbury, and then north through the Shepaug Valley to Washington and Litchfield, then through Goshen back to their starting point at Canaan.

And this short trip was but one of many of equal interest that could be taken in the same region, for the places necessarily omitted in traversing the ground but once, were legion.

The magnificent mountain scenery was diversified by the numerous beautiful water scenes constantly met with on the Housatonic, Shepaug and the smaller streams, with here and there a pretty lake, besides visits to the rugged and picturesque ravines at Kent and Roxbury Falls.

Who would of us would not say with Uncle William, when in such a spot as either of the latter places, "Like it? Why I could stay here all day.

Cool, restful and delightful in every way, there the lover of nature is in his element, and few there be of us who do not retain an instinctive passion for

such scenes, though it be, perhaps, what remains to us of the most refined of savage instincts, stifled in vain through a thousand years of civilization.

Perhaps because we associate with the Indian what is most rugged and wild, the mind naturally goes back to the aboriginal inhabitant when contemplating this region, despite all the evidences of the two centuries of the white man's occupancy. And this aside from the Indian names, which we hope will long remain. Barber, in his "Connecticut Historical Collections," tells us that, "Gideon Mauwehu, the sachem of the Scaticook tribe, in one of his hunting excursions came to the summit of the mountain which rises almost precipitously west of Scatacook (Kent), and beholding the beautiful valley and river below, determined to make it the place of his future residence. It was indeed a lovely and desirable place; there were several hundred acres of excellent land, covered with grass like a prairie, with some few scattering trees interspersed. The river was well supplied with fish, and on the mountain, on both sides, was found an abundance of deer and other wild game. At this place Mauwehu collected the Indians and became their sachem."

Well has Mr. Hollister expressed it when he said, in the address previously alluded to: "All over the country lie scattered these simple mementoes of a race which held dominion over the soil for unknown ages before the English emigrant ever set foot upon it. His implements of war, sharp as the fabled dragon's teeth, but not vital like them, still lie buried in the fields over which he once hunted the wild deer, the bear, the moose and the otter. The plowboy whose mind is filled with stories of the Indian wars, continues to turn them up with the share from year to year, and stops his team with a shuddering chill to handle the serrated arrow and grooved tomahawk. Their household utensils—the stone mortar and pestle, the pots in which they boiled their venison, the pans in which they fried their fish, the stone pipe that sent up its grave offering of peace around the council-fire their grotesque attempts at sculpture, representing their grim ideal of a god—are still extant in the country, but fast passing away. Although the war-whoop echoes no longer among the cliffs of Cornwall and Scaticook; although the bark palace of the chief of Werauhauhaug has crumbled by the side of the Great Falls at New Milford, and his people no longer frequent the borders of the lake that still bears his name; though the tribe of Pomperaug has melted away like the dew, and the meadows of Weatogue are swept yearly by the scythe of the Saxon; yet here and there in warm sheltered nooks, by river-bank or brook-side, the bones of the warrior rest in the alluvial mould. Whence came this wild fierce people, wandering without being nomadic, cultivating history without the aid of letters, generous without knowing how to forgive, scornful of death when called to look him in the face, yet lurking like the fox to avoid his approach? Whence came they? How long did they remain proprietors of the country, and why did they melt so suddenly away before the rays of civilization?"

We wish we could answer. Even Uncle William, who was of a reflective turn of mind and had given much thought to such problems, vouchsafed no

explanation. Besides the scenery and thoughts of the noble red man, there were many things of more recent historical interest to claim his attention. At Kent and Roxbury the extensive iron works formerly in operation; the reminder by a monument in the center of the latter town of that hero of the Revolution, Colonel Seth Warner; at Washington, Litchfield and Goshen, of many things that have made those places well known.

Nor was the trip lacking in amusing and humorous incidents. Such were the ones, to his regret, that Uncle William failed to get pictures of. But that is the usual way of such things—the biggest fish get away.

In due course of time, in spite of having the laziest horse in the county, Uncle William and Cousin Jim got back to Canaan, returned the horse to the stable, complimented the owner on possessing such a fine animal, and took the train for Hartford.

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ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

Those who attended the meeting of Friday evening, May 1, expecting to hear an address from Mr. H. H. Spooner were somewhat disappointed to find it a committee meeting for temperance workers, over which Mr. Spooner presided, submitting himself to the mercy of his audience to draw from him all they could by questions.

The last missionary meeting was conducted by our pastor's wife who, with her usual enthusiasm, planned a program on Arctic missions.

The death of Mrs. Carlos Glazier removes from the church a much loved member whose life, through years of much suffering, has been one of blessing to those privileged to know her.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

The following officers were elected by the Sunday-school Board Monday, May 4: Superintendent, Frank Berger; assistant superintendent, W. F. Granger; secretary, Chas. Caswell; treasurer, Frank A. Wilson; superintendent Home Department, Mrs. J. B. Ferris.

Mr. Berger, the newly elected superintendent, is well liked and brings to his position many good qualifications and the school will undoubtedly enjoy his leadership.

Mrs. Charlotte A. Cadwell, who was a member of this church some years ago,

died Friday afternoon, May 8, at the home of her son, Geo. W. Cadwell, in New Britain.

The Rev. J. H. Knott attended the District Convention of the Epworth League at New Haven and brought back a very interesting report.

A "Shoe Social" was held by the Ladies' Aid Society Friday evening, May 8, and was largely attended. A program was given and ice cream sold.

The price of admittance was twice the size of one's foot.

The Rev. Duane N. Griffin of the Connecticut Temperance Union was present Sunday, May 10. He preached the morning sermon and administered communion. He also spoke in the Sunday-school and in the evening at a union service gave an address on "The Legalized Liquor Traffic." His appeals were eloquent and forceful and he is certainly an enthusiastic reformer.

The Epworth League recently elected officers as follows:

President, Miss Edna G. Bidwell; first vice-president, Miss Alice Goodwin; second vice-president, Miss Julia L. Granger; third vice-president, Charles Rathbun; secretary and treasurer, Miss Bertha Goodwin.

UNITY CHURCH.

Mr. Waite has arranged a course of five sermons on the life and character of Ralph Waldo Emerson, this month being the centenary of his birth. The first was delivered on May 3, on "Emerson, the Man." The second on May 10, "Emerson as an Inspirationist and Man of Genius."

On April 14, Miss Reardon gave a whist party at her house for the members of her Sunday-school class and a few other friends. A delightful evening was spent.

The Easter offering for the children's mission in Boston amounted to \$26 from the Sunday-school.

A social for the Sunday-school was held May 1.

FIRST METHODIST.

Monday evening, May 1, occurred the annual meeting of the Epworth League Society. The officers for the year were elected: President, Dr. T. D. Esgate; first vice-president, J. W. Cary; second vice-president, Miss Ida Etheridge; third vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Newell; fourth vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Wilde; secretary, Miss Alice Lyman; treasurer, Lewis Townsend; superintendent Junior League, Miss L. Squires; auditors, W. H. Wilde, Ralph Tracy.

On April 20, we had the pleasure of Rev. Dr. Wilding of Elizabeth, N. J., with us to lecture, the subject being,

"My Experience on a Virginia Circuit."

Thursday evening, April 24, he gave an address to the young people, subject, "Steer Clear from the Rocks."

Mr. Arthur H. Parker, whose funeral was held at Allyn Memorial Chapel, in Spring Grove Cemetery, Saturday afternoon, May 9, was some years ago a young man in our Sunday-school.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Friday evening, May 8, the social committee of the Young People's Guild presented a comedy entitled "Between the Acts" at the Alms House. The play was well presented and showed a great deal of hard work for amateur performers. The inmates of the Alms House demonstrated their appreciation by frequent hearty applause. After the play a very bountiful collation was served.

This comedy will be given at Unity Hall Friday evening, May 15.

Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 6, the Ladies' Benevolent Society held its last sewing society and supper, it being their custom to cease their work during the summer months.

On Friday evening, May 22, a reception to Dr. and Mrs. Adams will be held in the vestry, to which all the members and friends of the parish are invited.

On Sunday evening, May 17, will occur the regular monthly vesper service. Special music is being arranged.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The annual meeting of the Epworth League was held Wednesday evening, May 6, and the following officers were elected:

President, Willard E. Brown; first vice-president, George W. Butler; second vice-president, Miss Helen Gale; third vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Herman; fourth vice-president, Miss Harriet E. Witham; secretary, Miss Hattie Morris; treasurer, Mr. R. S. McGee.

The regular Sunday evening service, May 10, was omitted, on account of the anniversary exercises of the Y. M. C. A.

The last entertainment of the season, under the auspices of the Literary department of the Epworth League, was held in the chapel April 29. There was vocal and instrumental music, recitations, and a short illustrated lecture by Mr. H. D. Hemenway of the School of Horticulture.

A supper and social, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, will be given Friday, May 22.

The pastor began Sunday morning, May 10, a series of addresses on "Worship," the special topic being "True Worship."

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The reception to Rev. and Mrs. Geo. T. Linsley at the Colt Memorial House, Thursday, April 23, was largely attended and enjoyed.

The parish was cordially invited, and it is hoped to make this an annual reception at which all may meet and become better acquainted. The quartet of the church rendered several selections in very good style. Refreshments were served during the evening.

"The Old Maids' Convention," which was given Thursday, April 30, at the Colt Memorial Hall, was well attended and about \$62 was realized. The entertainment was a decided success, the different parts being well acted. The proceeds will be used for table ware and other furnishings for use in the Colt Memorial House.

An interior view of the church in its Easter dress was taken by Mr. L. S. Fitch. It is a fine photograph, being very clear in all details. They are for sale at the Memorial House.

A musicale will be given under the auspices of the "Men's League" on Thursday evening, May 14, at Memorial Hall. Cream and cake will be served after the musicale, on the lower floor of the building. This will be the last meeting of the League for the season and a good attendance and a pleasant evening are looked for.

The second bowling tournament is about completed. Prizes for the first three averages will be awarded by the rector later.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The Rev. Wm. H. Upcraft, who spoke in our church to a large audience at a union prayer meeting on Thursday evening, May 7, is a remarkable man. In his mission work in China, where he dresses, eats, and lives like a Chinaman, his success has been phenomenal. The story of his escape from the Boxers was thrilling to a degree.

On the evening of May 5, the Young Ladies' Mission Circle gave a social called "A Rubber Social," where every person attending was required to bring some old rubber in some form. This rubber will be sold and the money used in mission work.

The Women's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting in the afternoon of Friday, May 8. Mrs. S. Wales Dixon led the meeting, the subject being "Greenland."

Active work in obtaining subscriptions for our new organ is being prosecuted with vigor now by the committee in charge. Over one thousand dollars is already pledged.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

On the 13th of April, the last of the Mothers' meetings for the present season was held. This closing meeting was made the occasion of a more carefully prepared program than usual, the hour being devoted chiefly to music. Mrs. Robert Chapman sang, as did a part of the Warburton Chapel choir. Several selections were rendered on the piano and the gathering closed by the serving of light refreshments.

A very liberal distribution of tickets for a stereopticon lecture on May 6, brought a crowded and interested gathering, mostly made up of children, to see a selection of views of Palestine with pictures from the life of Christ. Mr. J. Coolidge Hills showed the pictures and a description was given by E. C. Perkins. Pictures of the events in the life of Christ were accompanied by photographs of the places where the events happened, including views of Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethany, the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan. The audience was most appreciative and the evening was another testimony of the power of pictures to interest an audience, particularly an audience of children.

Rev. Rockwell H. Potter addressed the congregation at the regular evening service on the ninth of May, and was most successful in adapting his talk to an audience made up of both grown people and children.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Eighteen new members were added to the church May 3. Five of them by letter from other churches and thirteen on confession of faith. This is one of the largest additions to our membership for several years. One entire Sunday-school class was included in the number.

Our church receives a legacy of \$5,000 by the will of the late Walter S. Pitkin of Washington, D. C., a native of this town. The gift in memory of pious ancestors is called the Stanley-Pitkin fund, the income to be used for general expenses.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The new silver communion service, a memorial to the late George W. Hubbard, Esq., was used for the first time on Easter morning. The service is the work of the Gorham Manufacturing Company of New York, and is plain, but very good and dignified. It consists of two chalices, paten, ciborium, spoon and flagon, besides four alms basons.

The memorial to the late Charles J. Hoadly, L. L. D., is in process of erection, and already promises to add much

to the architectural beauty of Christ Church. The designs include the carrying up of all the buttresses in sculptured pinnacles, and the raising of the walls of the edifice by an ornate band of carved stonework. The corner pinnacles will be loftier than the others. This improvement is nothing more than the completion of the original plans of the Rev. Dr. Wheaton, rector from 1821 to 1831, in whose rectorate Christ Church was built. These plans were suggested by some of the details of York Cathedral in England.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Recently we had a visit from Mrs. S. K. Taylor of Maine, the president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, who came in the interests of the mission in India. We listened with much interest as she spoke of the success of the work there and of their present need, which is an orphanage for girls. The church contributed over fifty dollars toward it, which was about the sum they raised a month or two since for the same purpose in China.

The Mission Society of the church is busy at present making clothing for an orphan girl in India which they have adopted.

May 10, the Sunday-school held its annual meeting for the election of officers. Those already in office were unanimously re-elected to serve another year.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Mr. Connell exchanged pulpits with Mr. Noble, our old pastor, Sunday, April 26.

Mr. Fleming, the president of the Y. P. S. C. E., has had to leave on account of business. The attendance of the Sunday-school has been very good for the past few weeks.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Easter services this year proved very attractive, the attendance taxing the capacity of the church to the utmost. The first service was held Sunday evening, April 12, and was an antiphonal carol service, in which the church choir was assisted by a large children's choir. There were also appropriate scripture selections, together with two readings: "Nature's Easter Music," by Miss Laura Meyers and "The Legend Beautiful" by Miss Florence Burt.

On the evening of Sunday, April 19, the church choir, assisted by Miss A. Agnes Chopourian, Mr. Charles E. Prior, Jr., and Mr. Pol Plancon, gave "Jairus Daughter" by Sir John Stainer.

On the morning of April 26, Rev. J. E. Tracy, D.D., of the Madura Mission of the American Board, preached in our

church, showing in a very clear and effective way the thought of the Hindu regarding God, sin, and the future life. The contrast between the Hindu and the Christian mode of thought was most striking. The address was thoughtful, interesting and convincing, showing that Dr. Tracy is a missionary of great ability.

Beginning with May 1, the church is to have the services of a new soloist, Miss A. Agness Chopourian who comes to us from South Norwalk, Conn. The church is to be congratulated upon having secured a singer of so much ability and charm of personality.

Our church has suffered a severe loss in the death of its sexton, Mr. Joseph Taylor Lyman, who for nine years had served it most faithfully. Kindly in disposition, he made many friends among all classes. Of upright character, he was trusted by all who were connected with the administration of the church. He was intelligent, faithful and conscientious in all his duties and most devoted in his home.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor has finished his Sunday evening addresses on John Bunyan and the Pilgrim's Progress, and Sunday evenings during May will speak on John Milton and Paradise Lost, excepting on May 24, when Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis will speak on the work of the W. C. T. U.

Sunday evenings in June our pastor will speak on John Robinson and the Pilgrim Fathers.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

One of the most successful and profitable teachers' meetings we have ever held was held in the church parlors last month.

All reports showed a marked increase in both attendance and interest in the Sunday-school.

A new printed order of exercises for opening and closing, to be used in Sunday-school, was tried and liked so well that the school has purchased one hundred and fifty copies.

The Ladies' Aid Society furnished an excellent supper and after the business was over Rev. Mr. Talmadge addressed the meeting, giving some most excellent thoughts and ideas.

At our last communion eight joined the church, five from the Sunday-school.

Our committees on Anniversary Sunday and the picnic are both in order now, and are starting their work in earnest.

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This institution, transplanted from our
neighboring city, Springfield, is one in
which Hartford people should take
special interest and pride, both in respect
to what it has already accomplished, but
more, perhaps, in its possibilities. Here
it should find a spot well adapted for
growth and, with proper co-operation of
our citizens, its usefulness and expan-
sion is assured.

It is still in many respects in a for-
mative state, and for some time may
still be so considered, since it is laying
its foundation carefully and with a view
to future stability and growth. Its trus-
tees, so far as selected, are men whose
names are an assurance of success in
the best sense and now include: Rev.
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Charles W. McCormick, Rev. Henry H.
Kelsey, Prof. W. M. Jacobus and Mr.
Edward W. Hooker, of Hartford; ex-

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

Governor O. Vincent Coffin, of Middle-
town; Hon. Frank L. Wilcox, of Ber-
lin; Hon. Francis T. Maxwell, of Rock-
ville, and Mr. S. H. Williams, of Glas-
tonbury.

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and as the tuition is most reasonable and
the hours convenient, a large number of
students should be enrolled, especially
from Hartford. Full particulars of these
courses can be obtained at 1542 Broad
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The work of the Bible Normal Col-
lege is in some respects in co-operation
with that of the Theological Seminary,
a fact which is of great advantage to the
students of both institutions.

In our next issue we hope to present
a more general view of the purposes of
this college, as it has many phases of
study aside from those to which we have
called attention.

C. E. CONVENTION AT DENVER.

The first outline provisional pro-
gramme for the International Christian
Endeavor Convention at Denver, July
9-13, has just been prepared, and con-
tains more than a score of names of
attractive speakers. A prominent fea-
ture of the first day will be the introduc-
tion of the new general secretary, Mr.
Von Ogden Vogt, the report of the field
secretary, and the address of Dr. Clark.
Rev. J. R. Campbell, of Brighton, Eng.,
who is to be Dr. Parker's successor at
the City Temple, London, will be one of
the most prominent speakers. An hour
each morning will be given to classes in
Christian Endeavor methods, led by such
experts as Rev. Harlan P. Beach, Rev.
James Gray, D. D., and others. Rev. F.
J. Horsefield, president of the Church of
England Endeavor Union of Great Brit-
ain, Mr. C. Ogawa, of Japan, Mr. J. E.
Randall, of Jamaica, E. J. Powell, of
Wales, are among the distinguished for-
eign speakers expected. District Attor-
ney Joseph W. Folk, of St. Louis, who
has made himself prominent by "clean-
ing out the rascals there," will speak on
Christian citizenship. A full pro-
gramme will be published later.

THE Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Associa-
tion is to be congratulated on its splendid
financial showing, having succeeded in

freeing itself from debt after a long ef-
fort. It is a testimony to the philantro-
phy of Hartford's citizens, that they
have so generously responded to the
Association's call for help. And their
money is well invested under the direc-
tion of Mr. Jacks, the general secretary,
and his capable associates. It all goes
towards bettering the standard of man-
hood here in Hartford, moral, mental
and physical. The Association member-
ship is nearly a thousand and it reaches
directly a large number besides. Indi-
rectly its influence is widespread and of
inestimable value.

RELATIVE GROWTH OF RELIG- IONS.

The London *Spectator* says that in the
last decade the number of Mohamme-
dians in India has increased over 5,000,-
000, a gain of about 9 per cent.; the num-
ber of Buddhists has increased 2,345,000,
a gain of about 33 1-3 per cent.; the
number of Christians has increased 638,-
861, a gain of about 22 per cent.; while
a slight decrease, less than 1 per cent.,
is reported in the heathen population.

Mission Director H. Zeller, a good
authority, computes in the *Allgemeine
Missionszeitschrift* that the world's pop-
ulation is now 1,654,510,000, of whom
534,140,000 are Christians, 10,860,000 are
Jews, 175,290,000 are Mohemmedans, and
823,420,000 heathens (among whom he
includes 300,000,000 adherents of Con-
fucius). He adds: "It can be stated as
a certainty that Christianity is growing
much more rapidly than any other re-
ligion."

Isn't it most time our city fathers quit
their game of politics and devoted a lit-
tle of their smartness toward some need-
ed improvements. A public bath house,
or several of them, are very much need-
ed in our modern crowded cities and
Hartford's need in this respect is still
unsupplied. And, incidentally, a few
drinking fountains are needed and should
be maintained by the municipality. It's
a credit to philanthropic societies when
they supply a public need of this kind,
but it is no credit to a town to shirk its
own duty in such respects.

The removal of garbage from back
yards is bound to come eventually and
it needs no other argument in its behalf
than a glance, or walk, through one of
our streets on a windy day, when the
barrels are lined up against the
walks. The argument against improv-
ing the service seems altogether one of
economy, an argument which might be
as well applied toward discontinuing the
service altogether. While the garbage
collectors are at it, they might as well

do the whole job. We don't keep swill pails on our front walks for collection, and the garbage barrels are often quite as offensive, both to sight and smell.

There seems to be quite a lull in the Waterbury strike interest and for the peace now prevailing there to some extent, all are thankful. But justice is still unsatisfied as to the murdered policeman and several minor atrocities. Until these murderers are caught and pay the penalty, there should be no let-up on the part of the authorities.

As the situation now stands the labor element involved has lost much by this affair.

Dr. Louis Albert Banks, the indefatigable writer of religious works, has published this month a book called "On the Trail of Moses." It is a collection of discourses dealing with incidents of the journey of the Israelites into Canaan under the guidance of their great law-giver. A bookseller in Texas, ordering of the publishers, Funk & Wagnalls Company, calls for "One copy of 'On the Trail of Moses,' or any other good detective story."

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Mr. E. M. Huntsinger of Huntsinger's Business College has written and published for free distribution to young men an interesting and valuable little book entitled "Some Helpful Hints to Young Men." The young man about to enter upon his business and social career in the world will find practical and lasting help from this little work.

He: "Darling, what do you suppose I have done to-day?"

She: I couldn't guess in a hundred years."

He: "I have had my life insured."

He: "That's just like you, John Mann. All you seem to think of is yourself!"—Boston Transcript.

The very latest productions in graphophones, etc., and the newest records, can be found at the agency No. 25 Asylum street, office of George D. Bartlett, Merchant Tailor.

When the good old man saw six large boys hammering one small boy within an inch of his life his curiosity was piqued. "Why do you do this," he asked.

"Because he takes medicine for ten cents when the union scale is fifteen cents," explained the large boys courteously.

Now is the time for spring planting. A large line of nursery stock can be found at W. E. Wallace's, 294 Asylum street. Make your own selection, and if you wish, Mr. Wallace will furnish a man to do the planting. Among seasonable suggestions are Evergreens, Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Cannas, Vines, etc. Mr. Wallace's specialty this month is the Crimson Rambler Rose, of which he has an especially fine stock, which he is retailing at 25 cents per plant. It will be several days yet before the plant-

ing season is over, but orders should be placed without further delay.

Mr. Eugene S. Drake, of the Cedar Hill Greenhouses, is making special preparations this year for the Decoration Day trade. He will have for sale on that day and the day preceding a large variety of cut flowers, potted plants, and baskets of cut flowers tastefully arranged. Orders can be left with him any time for filling cemetery vases, urns, etc.

Mr. John G. March, whose barber shop for many years has been located at No. 9 Asylum street, wishes to announce that he is now located on the ground floor of the new Conn. Mutual Life Insurance Co. building. Entrance on Main and Pearl streets.

"I wish you had broken the news more gently," sighed the editor, as the office boy "pied" the first page by dropping the form down a flight of stairs.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Mr. H. E. Coombs of the Seminary, a member of this church, was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Westchester, at a meeting held April 20, in New Rochelle, N. Y. Mr. Irving T. Raab and Mr. G. T. Elliot were taken under care of the Presbytery at the same time.

The pastor, Rev. W. W. Breckinridge, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Fessenden of the First Presbyterian church of Peekskill, N. Y., on Sunday, May 3.

Mrs. E. C. Down, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, attended a Ladies' Synodical Missionary meeting at Utica, N. Y., the last week in April.

Mrs. Alexander Watson and Mrs. James McGeechie attended a meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Westchester at New Rochelle, N. Y., on April 28.

The annual meeting of the church was held April 16. Reports were heard from the Sunday-school and various organizations connected with the church. The clerk of the session reported the membership of the church at the present time to be 314.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

At one of our evening meetings we had the privilege of hearing Rev. R. H. Potter on "World Wide Missions," also Rev. Mr. Ewing of Unionville, on his experience in China during the Boxer movement.

Dr. Bliss, N. E. Secretary of the American Tract Society, and a college friend of our pastor, recently addressed our people on the work and needs of the society.

The last meetings of the Woman's Saturday Afternoon Club and the

Mother's Club have been held, until after the warm season. At the former, Miss Katherine Robbins and Mr. Albert Morgan gave very interesting talks with the aid of the stereopticon on the birds of the Connecticut Valley. The latter meeting was addressed by Miss Peabody of Hartford.

Four were received into our church by letter at our last communion.

Through the generosity of our good friend and deacon, Mr. Henry Buck, concrete walks are being laid entirely around our church and chapel, and it is being done in such a substantial manner we are certain it will serve as a lasting memorial to him.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Seventeen persons united with the church on Sunday, May 3, six upon profession of faith and eleven by letter. May the good work continue.

The twentieth annual meeting of the National McCall Association, has just closed a two days' session at this church which was exceedingly interesting. Unusual interest was manifested and the meetings were well attended.

Rev. Mr. Genung, Chaplain of the Wethersfield State Prison, conducted our Endeavor meeting recently, and without exception it was the most interesting session we have held in some time. His graphic description of the life behind the walls gave us a new desire to feel more kindly toward the unfortunate. Mr. Genung told how many had found behind the bars their Savior and Redeemer, and that only as we look upon them as our brothers can we ever hope to lift them up and out.

The Girls' Mission Circle meet as usual.

Mr. J. Coolidge Hills addressed the Allen Bible Class Sunday on the subject, "The Development of Coin."



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The April meeting was held with the N. M. E. Society recently, and dealt largely with the mission problem. Miss Eleanor Johnson spoke on "Settlement Work," and was very interesting in her manner of telling the ways used to do the most good in this line of work.

Mr. Chas. A. Stanley, Jr., was to have

read a paper on "Mission Study Classes," but was absent owing to illness and his paper was read by Mr. Gray, also a student at the seminary.

Prof. Curtis M. Geer gave an exceedingly interesting address on "Reflex Influence of Christian Activity" and the meeting closed with the benediction.

The offering was donated, with an earlier one, to the "Union for Home Work," and an exceedingly grateful acknowledgment has been received by the secretary from Mrs. Sluyter.

The attention is called of the several societies who have not forwarded their contributions to the Union treasurer to the fact that it is necessary that this be forwarded as soon as possible before the summer season, when perhaps it may be overlooked entirely.

There will be a Junior Rally at the Wethersfield Congregational church Sunday, May 24th, at 3:30 o'clock. The regular Junior topic, "What Jesus teaches me about Prayer," will be used. Miss Kate Adams of Pleasant Hill Academy, Knoxville, Tenn., will tell of the work with the "Southern Highlanders."

The collection taken at this meeting will be given to the "Union for Home Work."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Endeavorers:

I wonder if your society has obtained its ten per cent. increase yet? There are only a few weeks before June, so if you haven't, please hustle so that your society may be on the roll-of-honor. Our societies are in better condition now than they have been, yet every one of them can be improved.

Is your society going to take up a flower mission this summer? I hope so. Flowers could be used to good advantage at North Street Settlement, Open Hearth Mission and Union for Home Work. You can help the workers at these places by giving of your flowers.

Let us make this summer an active one in all lines of Endeavor work.

Yours in C. E.,

EDWIN H. MUNGER.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

Sun., May 17. Topic—The Lad with the Loaves and Fishes. John 6:9-13. (A Meeting with the Juniors.)

Christ often used human co-operation in working his miracles. In the feeding of the multitude he used not only the help of his chosen twelve, but the aid of a boy. Alone, the boy could not have satisfied the needs of one hungry man with the small provision he carried. Yet Jesus chose him out to help in the miracle.

All the little lad had to do was to come to Christ, bringing just what he

had. Some boys think they must wait until they are older to do work for Christ. But Christ wants the boy just as he is, and where he is.

A boy's work for Christ can be done only by a boy. It is not a man's work—it is a boy's work. No boy can use the qualities he has in true, obedient service for Christ, and not make an impression upon every other boy that knows him.

A boy's work by itself may be valueless. But a boy's work with Christ has a value which he cannot measure. To wait for service till he is older is to miss opportunity and blessing. What we have is what Christ wants us to bring.

Points for Study.

What is the story of Samuel's boyhood?

How did David show faithfulness and bravery in youth?

What did Josiah do as a boy?

What example did Christ set in his life as a child?

Sun., May 24. Topic—Power and Prayer. Acts 1:13, 14; 2:1-4, 41.

Ever since the world began man has been trying to add to his power. He has found the secrets of the lever and the wheel, of steam and electricity. He has learned of the power that knowledge gives, that education and culture give.

Steam is simpler than hand-work, compressed air than steam, electricity than either. Science looks ahead, and declares that the power of the future will be taken direct from the sun or from water, and be greater and more inexhaustible than by any present method. There is power enough in the universe to do all things for man, if he can only connect directly with it.

Thus science points the way, in physical things, that religion long has pointed in spiritual things. Spiritual power is the simplest of all things. It has its exhaustless source in God. The soul that, through prayer opens to God, communes with him, makes itself a channel for his will, has found the sublimest secret of power.

Points for Study.

What prevailing prayer did Elijah make?

What covenant of prayer did Nehemiah seal, and the people?

What does James say about prayer?

What promises did Christ make about prayer?

Sun., May 13. Topic—Missions in the Island World. Isa. 42:10-7; 60:8, 9.

The United States is not only a continental power; it has lately acquired several island dominions—Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines. We have grave responsibilities in these new possessions, and the Church must meet the emergencies that have arisen.

Before the battle of Manila Bay not even a Protestant naval chaplain was allowed to land in the Philippines in his clerical dress.

In Porto Rico the Protestant Church is at work. In Hawaii missionaries have long been laboring, but there is need for more. America should give these islands her best, not her worst, influences. Liquor and the greed for gain should not be allowed to corrupt them. The highest American ideals—religion, temperance, education—should be our gift to them.

Points for Study.

What have missions done for Hawaii?

What great missionaries have labored in the South Seas?

What is the mission history of Madagascar?

What work is our Church doing in Cuba?

Sun., June 7. Topic—Modern Lessons from the Rechabites. Jer. 35:1-6, 18, 19.

The Rechabites had one simple rule—never, under any circumstances, to touch wine. So they had a satisfactory answer to make even when wine was offered them by a prophet of the Lord. Some people might have argued that under such circumstances to accept wine was right; but the Rechabites had a consistent rule and kept to it.

Such a rule offends nobody since it applies equally to all occasions. The total abstainer stands on firm ground. The moderate drinker never can be sure that he may not be betrayed some day into drunkenness. He never can be sure that he is not breaking down his health by the use of alcohol, even if he does not become intoxicated. He often takes a drink through fear of offending if he would refuse. The total abstainer is the more independent and self-reliant of the two.

Points for Study.

What is the teaching of Proverbs about drunkenness?

What example did Daniel set?

What vow did Samson break?

A "buttonhole committee" of the Endeavor Society of Cavendish Chapel, Manchester, England, formerly Dr. Joseph Parker's church, in seventeen months induced 303 people who had no intention of doing so to attend the church services, a goodly number of them eventually being secured as regular attendants.

The "Increase Campaign" in the Christian Endeavor societies throughout the United States goes on without abatement. Oregon has already gained the ten per cent. increase, which all the states are trying for, in the number of societies, while Montana, Colorado and the District of Columbia, as well as Georgia, have their full quota in sight. There was never greater activity than at present in the ranks of the societies, and never such large gains in membership noted. *The Christian Endeavor World* for April 16 records 62 new societies in New York since this campaign began, 59 in Indiana, 53 in Ohio, and 44 in Massachusetts. Pennsylvania comes next with almost as many as Massachusetts. The gain in some of the southern states has been quite as remarkable, for the society there has been comparatively weak, and the percentages of increase are greater even than in the North. Over 150 societies have so far reported a gain of not less than ten per cent. in membership, though a number of them have actually gained from 100 to 300 per cent., and many more societies have made the gain but not yet reported.

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WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The church people here are enjoying the sermons by Rev. J. B. Connell, our acting pastor. He is very energetic in pastoral work and there is an uplifting spirit among the members. The Mission Circle (newly organized) meets at the homes of the elderly shut-ins and are encouraged to do work for the Master. The Ladies have made arrangements for a concert to be given on Tuesday evening, May 12, in the church. There is to be talent from Hartford and New Britain.

S. JAMES CHURCH.

St. James church surprised itself by a very paying bazaar and entertainment last week.

The proceeds will settle all bills incurred in furnishing the rooms for the coming curate and fitting up the rooms for the Men's Club and the boys' gymnasium.

Miss Jackson visited the "Girls' Friendly," and addressed them on Monday evening, May 11.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The Mission wishes to thank the following who have spoken to us: Rev. Mr. Macy of Newington, Rev. Mr. Howell, Evangelist Gillett and Mr. Case of the Theological Seminary, also those who have helped with vocal and instrumental music.

On April 21, twenty near relatives gave Mrs. Joshlyn, Ellsworth street, a surprise party, the day being her fiftieth birthday. The evening was spent in old-time song and games, with refreshments.

Miss Myers, superintendent, and Miss Gertrude Rothschild, assistant superintendent, have left the infant room and Miss Marion Lawson has taken Miss Myers' place. Miss Edith Cushman, our secretary, has left us and Mr. Dexter has been appointed in her place.

On April 22, about twenty from the Mission gave a surprise party to Mr. Dawley and daughter. The evening was spent in playing games and refreshments were served.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The new Year Book of the church has come out and great credit is due Rev. Mr. Talmadge for the work that he has put into it. This book is always appreciated by the members of the church and congregation, for in it they can find anything pertaining to church matters. In it are also all the different societies in the church, with their officers.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Our new pastor, Rev. W. H. Main, D. D., began his work with us April 16, leading the prayer meeting on that date. He preached his first sermon April 19.

On April 22 recognition services were held, followed by a reception to the pastor and his wife.

The latter part of April a reception was given to some new scholars in the Sunday-school. It was held at the home of the superintendent and was attended by the new scholars and their friends who brought them, about twenty-five in all.

This is the second one of these affairs since December 1, 1902, and it seems to be a good way to increase the membership of the school.

Evening church service was begun on May 3.

Mr. Kilachi Hirayama addressed the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting April 26 on Japan.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL

At the communion service Sunday, May 3, seven persons were admitted to the church on profession of faith and two by letter. Of the latter, Miss Covey came from the Asylum Street Methodist church, Hartford, and Mrs. Emma E. Rooke from the Congregational church in Framingham, Mass. Of the former there were young ladies from Miss Bidwell's Sunday-school class and three were young men.

Miss Vining, in the employ of the Connecticut Home Missionary Society, spent two or three weeks in town lately, but owing to ill health and her inability to walk long distances, did not seem to accomplish much.

Harry A. Whiton and Miss H. E. Burnham went as delegates to the Conference at the Wethersfield Avenue church, May 5. The pastor was absent in New Haven, where he heard Dr. George Adam Smith give two talks to the Yale students.

Rev. Albert B. Todd of the Baptist church, who has accepted a call to Tariffville, will be greatly missed by all in this place. His cheerful, earnest way has made him well liked in the community, and his good work in his own church makes his going to be deeply regretted.

There was a union temperance service at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 10, addressed by Rev. Duane N. Griffin, at one time pastor of the North Methodist church. At present Mr. Griffin is devoting his whole time to the work of temperance reform.

Mrs. E. B. Maloney, who sprained her ankle at the town hall, May 4, is able to

get about the house after a fashion. She finds the confinement irksome, though she is thankful enough that no bones were broken when she fell. As she is one of the most faithful of our Sunday-school teachers and regular attendants at prayer meeting, it is hoped that she may not be hindered a great while from resuming her active life.

Preparations for Children's Day have already begun in the Sunday-school. The intervals between the various anniversaries celebrated in the church seem very short and the children appear to be rehearsing for something a good share of the Sundays in the year.

Committees have been appointed to arrange for the proper observance of Memorial Day. The exercises this year will be in the new town hall and as an innovation there is to be a display of war relics.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Park Church Club has recently discussed "The Eight Hour Day," and on April 19, Prof. R. Eston Phyfe addressed them on "Roman Civilization in the Time of Christ."

Tuesday, April 7, there was an interesting stereopticon lecture on Booker Washington's work, by John W. Whitaker of Tuskegee, Alabama.

Thursday evening, April 16, Miss Virginia Dox talked about "The American Highlander" in a most interesting manner.

Easter Sunday the Sunday-school held a service of unusual interest. Besides the usual music and scripture reading, Miss Clark sang Dudley Buck's "Victor" and after several recitations by the children, Rev. Mr. Hicks addressed the children very helpfully.

April 22, the ladies of the church held a sale of fancy articles in the chapel. It was very successful. One hundred dollars was realized, besides a gain in the social interests of our church.

Sunday evening, May 3, Mrs. Ballington Booth held a meeting in Park Church in the interests of Volunteers' Prison League.

It was a most helpful meeting and everyone is pleased that the collection for that object amounted to \$103.15.

May 3, we welcomed to our fellowship Mrs. Ada H. Tift of Broad Brook, Misses Alice and Florence Smith and Mr. Daniel R. Kennedy, Jr.

To walk when we intended to run, to work when we intended to play, to give out when we intended to take in, to labor when we intended to rest, to postpone when we expected to achieve, and to do things gladly and willingly for God and love's sake—this is to meet the requirements of the Christ-life.—S. White.



REV. WILLIAM HOLLOWAY
MAIN, D. D.

Rev. Dr. Main, the new pastor of the South Baptist church, was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., in 1862, and is the son of the Hon. Isaac S. Main of Troy, N. Y. He completed his education at Colgate University, graduating from the theological seminary in 1887. Upon receiving the degree of D. D., he took examinations in archaeology. His first charge was at Waterford, N. Y., where he was pastor of the First Baptist church for three years. From 1890 to 1897 he was pastor of the Emanuel Baptist church at Buffalo, N. Y., and during that period the membership of the church was doubled, over 600 new members joining. Dr. Main made an extensive trip through Europe, Egypt and Palestine in 1896, and made exhaustive studies of the eastern countries in relation to Bible research. Dr. Main became the pastor of the Central Baptist church in Syracuse in 1897. He has been successful in the pastorate. He is connected with the Lyceum bureau as a lecturer, and has traveled extensively in the south and west. He has written a large number of papers that have appeared in pamphlet form, and is the author of fifty published series of sermons on "Our Bible," dealing particularly with the relation of archaeology to the Bible.

Dr. Main is the vice-president of the Young People's Association of the state of New York, a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist Educational Society of the state of New York, vice-president of the board and a member of the executive committee of Colgate Theological Seminary, president of the Ministerial Association of Syracuse and a member of the Citizens' Club.

Dr. Main is a direct descendant of the first representative of the Main family

who came to New England from Scotland in 1640. Dr. Main was married about eighteen years ago to Miss Hattie Gramm of Troy, N. Y. Dr. and Mrs. Main have one daughter, Miss Lucy C. Main.

At the recognition services held at the church April 22, the sermon was preached by Rev. Cortland Myers of Brooklyn. The invocation was by Rev. H. M. Thompson, the prayer of recognition by Rev. Dr. George M. Stone, and the charge to the church by Rev. Harold Pattison. Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. J. A. Macmillan and Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter. The benediction by Dr. Main closed the service, after which Dr. and Mrs. Main held an informal reception in the chapel of the church.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Young Men's Christian Association management is very happy as a result of closing their 25th year of work in a first class financial condition. Practically the Association for the first time in its history in the new building is out of debt. The regular current expenses for the entire year have been paid, and the mortgage indebtedness reduced to \$1800. This balance is covered with subscriptions payable during the present year. Rejoicing in this happy condition the management looks forward to increased usefulness in the coming years. The support and co-operation of the friends of the institution will be needed for the future as it has been in the past. Not less than \$8,000 must be raised during the present year in addition to the regular income. The association is doing a growing and expanding work, and until it is sufficiently endowed will always have to call upon its friends for help. New lockers in the physical department have become an absolute necessity, and have been ordered and will be delivered to the association in July. These lockers entail an expense of \$1,600. The electric wiring throughout the building has had to be practically renewed at an expense of \$800. This amount also must be raised during the

present year. This makes \$24,000 required in addition to the regular current expenses. With these improvements it puts the working parts of the association in first class condition and it is hoped that the further expansion of its work will be required in coming years.

The annual report shows a hard and aggressive work accomplished during the past year. The following items are of interest: Total number of members, 600, a gain of 54 during the year. Students in evening educational classes, 251, a gain of 35. Fifty-seven different religious meetings held with a total attendance of 15,305. One hundred and eighty-four students enrolled in Bible study.

Boys' department membership 250. In the physical department 17,375 visits paid to the gymnasium for exercise.

The management desire to call the attention of the friends of the work to the fact that an endowment is needed for the further development and perpetuity of the Association's work. Colleges, hospitals and other institutions of an educational or benevolent character require large incomes over and above receipts from those who enjoy their privileges. Looking over the list of colleges of the country it is seen that annual income required over and above what students pay range from \$60 to \$1,400. The Young Men's Christian Association requires only an average of \$8 per member over and above what is paid by members or secured by rentals.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The first of May was a glorious day at the Open Hearth, being the fifteenth anniversary of the institution. From 3 to 5 o'clock the spacious rooms were thronged with visitors and all were delighted with the reception given to friends of the Mission. At 4 o'clock a group of girls dressed in white, with Miss Gardner their Queen of May, wound the May pole, which had been erected in the west yard and songs were sung as they danced around the tree. At 7:30 o'clock the exercises closed at Christ Church, at which Dr. Alton made an address, showing the progress of the work and what had been already achieved. He was followed by Superintendent Miller, who has been indefatigable in his efforts and who spoke of the present and future of the work. Rev. Dr. Tompkins, who came from Boston for the purpose of participating in the exercises of the anniversary, delivered the principal address and was listened to with interest as he spoke of the work in its infancy and its progress to its present proportions. The exercises closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Goodwin.

and all feel that the fifteenth anniversary was but the prelude to increased activity in every portion of this great institution.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The members of our union have had the pleasure of listening to two most excellent papers at our two last sessions. April 21, Mrs. E. D. Bacon's "Industrial Conditions of Women and Children," May 5, Mrs. M. L. Bogue of Manchester, presented a convincing and authoritative statement and argument upon "Non-Alcoholic Medication." It was read at this meeting that at our last session in June, we adjourn to September 8, meeting upon that date and thereafter, in G. A. R. Hall, in Cheney Building, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The official announcement is now made that the Fiji Islands no longer need to be cared for by the Wesleyan Missionary Society. Instead of being receiver, it has come to be a giver, its contributions for missionary purposes last year reaching the noble sum of \$25,000. This, however, is not the whole story in connection with the aforesaid announcement. The islands have become nominally Christianized and civilized; education, commerce and worship are carried on according to Christian ideals. Less than seventy years ago the Fijians were the type of human cruelty, degradation and savagery. Cannibalism, treachery, and the most debasing forms of superstition obtained among them. Wesleyan missionaries went among them for the first time in 1835, facing martyrdom, and some of them obtaining a martyr's crown by their fidelity. About eighty of the two hundred islands forming the group are inhabited, the population aggregating 121,000, of whom a round 100,000 are natives. The Fijians are doing much for the natives of other islands in the South Sea, by way of carrying the Gospel to men and women who are still in the lowest savagery.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

"Emphasis may be laid at once upon ennobling and refining influence of the Christian religion in the heart of woman, and its manifest elevation of her personality in life. This result cannot be questioned by any one who has had opportunity to observe in Eastern lands the transformations in her character, ways of living, and even her personal appearance, wherever she has come under the power of the Gospel of Christ."—James S. Dennis.

An illustrious Turk at a great banquet declined wine, and said to a distinguished American: "Do you think Turkey would better send Moslem missionaries to America? I, a Mohammedan, am the only temperance man in this company."

"The Dead Sea, which for thousands of years has been a forsaken, solitude in the midst of a desert, on whose waves no rudder has been seen for centuries," says United States Consul Winter, at Annaberg, in a recent dispatch to the State Department, "is to have a line of motor boats in the future. Owing to the continued increase in traffic and the influx of tourists, a shorter route is to be found between Jerusalem and Kerak, the ancient capital of the land of Moab."

Once let the great body of Christians become possessed of the conviction that it is their imperative duty to spread the good news of Jesus everywhere, and in a twinkling all problems will disappear. M. H. Hendricks.

To be true, to hate every form of falsehood, to live a brave, true, real life—that is love to God. God is infinite, and to love the boundless, reaching on from grace to grace, adding charity to faith, and rising upward, ever to see the ideal still above us, and to die with it unattained, aiming insatiably to be perfect even as the father is perfect—that is to love God.

Liverpool, England, must be the most sober city of its size in the world. A committee of Glasgow bailies recently tried to find a drunken man on the streets, and failed. In a dozen years the number of licenses has been reduced by more than 300, and the number of convictions for drunkenness has diminished from 14,308 in 1899 to 4,133 in 1900.

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Although "Ben Hur" is well known here, by reason of the great triumphs it has scored in the leading cities of this

country, a word regarding its massiveness will be of interest. The production is the original Klaw & Erlanger organization which ran the entire season of 1900 in New York, and which, since that time has played but fourteen cities, with the same cast, scenery equipment, horses, camels and ornate electrical effects, recording its 1000th performance in Columbus last month.

The performance opens reverently, there are a few bars of music,—serving the same purpose as a voluntary before divine service, and when the curtain rises, it discloses the illimitable waste of desert; the tired camels; the three wise men gathered from Greece, from Hindustan, from Egypt, to greet the appearance of the "Star of Bethlehem."

Following the prelude comes the brilliantly colored picture of the house-tops of Jerusalem, the terrace of the palace of Hur. Next is one of the greatest scenes of the play,—the dim interior of the Roman galley ship. Then the wreck, with Ben Hur and the tribune struggling in the waves.

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The advance sale of seats opened Thursday morning, May 14th, at 9 o'clock. Manager Parsons of the Parsons's Theatre announces that all out-of-town orders, if accompanied by cash or money order, will be filled before the regular box office sale opens. This is for the accommodation of suburban patrons, as reduced rates are announced on all railroads and a large attendance is expected from miles around.

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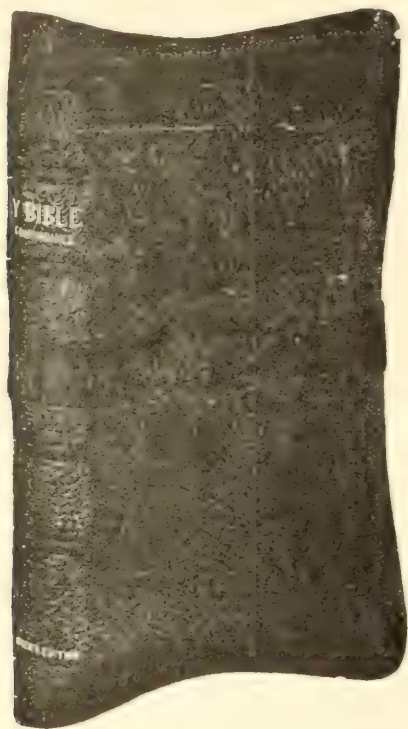
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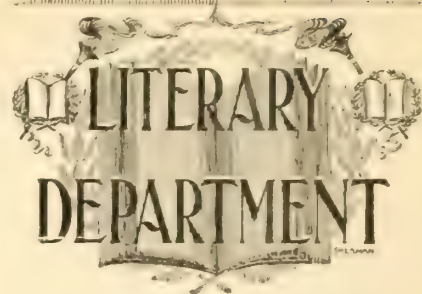
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Frank and fearlessly Pearson's Magazine tells the story of how District Attorney Jerome has undertaken, single-handed, the task of ridding New York City of its vice and crime. This article is published in three parts. The first which appeared in April Pearson's has resulted in a \$10,000 libel suit being brought against the magazine, and the publishers announce that the story will continue to be told in the same frank and open manner which marked the April installment.

There is no abatement in the action and interest of Miss Ida Tarbell's history of the Standard Oil Trust in McClure's Magazine in the installment in the May number. In the same issue Professor Simon Newcomb tells a dramatic and vivid story of the ending of the world.

The Open Air Number of Leslie's Monthly justifies its name by some remarkable out-of-door articles on the modern sailor, the Canadian frontier police, the first perilous ascent of Mount Bryce, and the life in a trout stream, besides a rattling base ball story and a story of the characteristic sentiment by Henry Harland, who wrote the "Cardinal's Snuff Box."

Botany All the Year Round. By E. F. Andrews. 302 pages, 8 vo. New York: American Book Co. Price \$1.00.

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David the Hero. By Sarah Dickson Lowrie. 237 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Westminster Press. Price \$1.00.

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Studies of Familiar Hymns. By Louis F. Benson, D. D. 285 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. Price \$1.50.

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Sacrilege Farm. By Mabel Hart. 75 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price 50 cents. Paper, 50 cents.

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Of Religion. By Richard R. Bowker. 73 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price 50 cents.

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Richard Rosny. By Maxwell Gray. 507 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

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WHEN, IN the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem best, for the safety and happiness of the people. PRUDENCE, INDEED, WILL FORBIDE THAT SUCH MEASURES BE TAKEN UNTIL THE EXISTING GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. BUT, WHEN A LONG TRAIN OF ABUSES and usurpations, proving that the existing Government is destructive of the ends for which it was instituted, and that it is necessary to alter or to abolish it, such a course is justified. Such has been the case with the Government of the Province of Pennsylvania, and such a course is necessary in the case of the Province of Pennsylvania.

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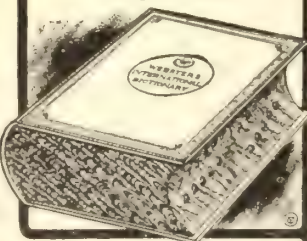
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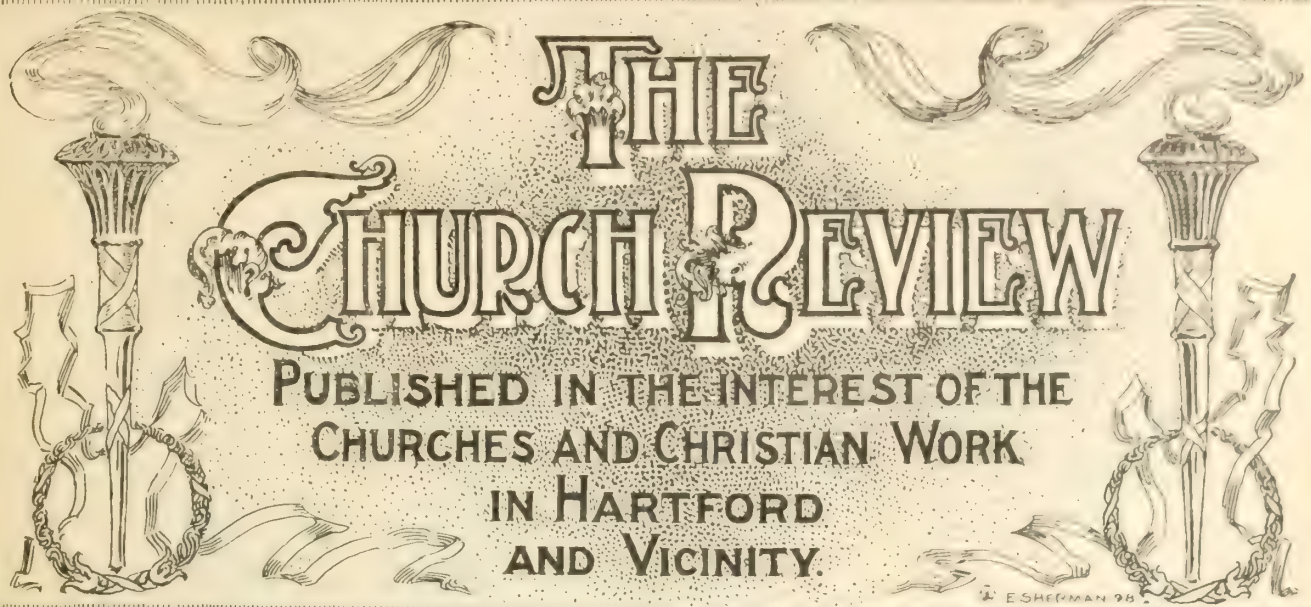
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Deep in the garden of years,—
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Meed for the toil and the tears.

Long have the furrows lain fallow,
Waiting the husbandman's share;
Haste to thy task, while ye hallow
All of the plodding with prayer.

Haste ye, my soul! on the morrow
Season and sun may be past.
Haste ye, lest sighing and sorrow
Strangle the seed that ye cast.

Haste, while the green ways are glowing;
Off with vain doubtings and fears.
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—*Sunday School Times.*

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teaching and moral education and on the other hand, from that of the theological seminary, by its stress upon teaching. The time has come when it is necessary to prove that this field exists. That it is a large one is shown by the rapidly increasing demand from the churches and other religious organizations for salaried Bible-school and primary superintendents, normal teachers and field secretaries; from boys' and girls' clubs for superintendents; and from missionary organizations at home and abroad, for thoroughly trained teachers. This is conclusive evidence that a new profession is rapidly developing within the church. This profession will certainly play a large role in the Christianity of the near future. It will remodel religious work along the lines of education and will enter the effort of the Church more largely in the child. It will, in short, sustain the same relation to applied religion and humanitarianism that the profession of secular teaching sustains to the great educational interest of civilization. To pioneer this new profession, and to secure and thoroughly equip men and women who are qualified by nature and preliminary training to fill it, is the central design of the School.

It does not enter into competition either with the theological seminary or with the teachers college. It does not seek to prepare either ministers or secular teachers. But it believes that the religious teacher should have a training fully equal to that given in either of these lines and such training it is its aim to furnish.

In the training of those who are to be teachers in religion and moral education there are at least four essential elements: (1) a thorough knowledge of the Bible; (2) a thorough knowledge of the principles of religion; (3) a thorough knowledge of the principles of education; (4) a thorough knowledge of the principles of human nature.

on the Bible; (2) the child; (3) the home; and (4) the teacher. It follows that there are four departments of study which form the body of training needed by the religious teacher, viz., studies relating to the Bible, studies relating to man, studies relating to childhood and youth; studies relating to the home, as the chief element in man's environment; and studies relating to teaching. These four departments are unified by their common relation to the same end, that of religious teaching. Each department has its special aims in subordination to this great purpose.

Thus the work upon the Bible seeks to give a thoroughly scientific interpretation of the entire English Bible. It is the aim, in this department, (1) to enable the student to secure a comprehensive, but thorough knowledge of the subjects treated; (2) to see to it that this knowledge is gained in such a manner, by personal investigation on part of each student and by class-room discussion, as shall make one also thoroughly equipped as to methods of research and possessed of the power to study the Bible independently; and (3) to keep in the forefront the spiritual and practical ends in which all Bible

study should culminate, so that each student may find his own spiritual life advanced by the study and daily increase in power to use the Bible for the spiritual help for others.

In the study of the child and man, the work proceeds from the biological point of view, that life may either progress or retrograde, according to the conditions surrounding it. The mind is studied under two aspects, development and retrogression, and an attempt is made to present the laws underlying both of these processes, so far as scientific research has been able to interpret them. The various courses offered in psychology center in the child, as being the point where the forces of development chiefly expend themselves, and where therefore men must direct their attention in any rational attempt to co-operate with nature in improving human types. The entire work is designed to engraft a scientific spirit upon humanitarian and religious impulses, to the end that these may have a more intelligent and effective expression.

In pedagogy, the aim of the work is (1) to acquaint the student with those principles and practices in education which have revolutionized the methods

of secular schools and established them upon a psychological basis; (2) to lay a broad and deep culture in the student himself, so that he may be able to develop his own methods as occasion may demand; and (3) to create a spirit of enthusiastic devotion to the highest of all work, the instruction of a child.

In Home Economics the courses aim to give the students (1) a higher conception of the significance and value of the home as a civilizing force, (2) a better knowledge of what constitutes ideal home conditions both materially and ethically, and (3) an acquaintance with correct methods of housekeeping, which will enable them to enter upon mission work well equipped to render practical and efficient aid to needy families, or to accept positions in settlement and club work or in institutions where such trained workers are desired.

Experience has shown that there are two main classes of students who seek training along this line, first, those who wish to devote their lives to religious teaching in one or another of its varied forms; secondly, those who desire to give a portion of their time to church and missionary work, in their own home churches and as opportunity offers.



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For each of these classes of students a specific course of study is offered by the School. For the first class is designed the regular three years course. For admission to this graduation from a college or normal school of high standing is required. The intention is to keep this course fully on a par with the



OLD BLANFORD CHURCH.

"Thou Art Crumbling to Dust Old Pile."

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courses required of those who are in preparation for the ministry in our best theological seminaries. Holders of a bachelor's degree in arts or science are eligible, or candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Religious Pedagogy.

For the second class of students is offered the special one year course. This is open to any person recommended by pastor or Sunday-School superintendent. This treats the same subjects as the regular course, but less at length and in a manner adapted to those who have had less preliminary preparation. This course is divided into three terms, but, forms a progressive series, the work being so arranged that students may take one or more terms with profit. It is also possible to take one study, instead of the four offered and to carry through the entire year by giving to it only three hours of class work each week. This brings the advantages of the School within reach of the churches and other religious and benevolent organizations, by helping them to develop their own workers. It is earnestly to be hoped that the churches in Hartford and vicinity will appreciate the advantages offered by the presence of the School in this city. Making the fullest use of these opportunities will be most helpful to the churches and to the School itself.

A VIRGINIA CHURCHYARD AND
ITS FLAG

Marshall R. Peterson

"Thou art crumbling to the dust and
pile."

How art hastening to thy end

And round this in our embrace
Ling this — in prayer —
The votive gifts are numerous,
Who knelt before thy shrine,
And whose names were written
In days of youth and love.

"And only truly the commonest man"
 Whom all in years come to
 Pray for, from many hearts — His
 The Dearest of — His
 The friend of many a bitter soul,
 That smile thy side —
 And make thy weary heart glad
 Is still to be found —

How drifts Ambition's hope take wing;
How droops the spirit now!
We hear the distant city's dim;
The dead are mute below;
The sun that shines upon their pain
Now gilds their lonely grave
The sepulchre that once fanned their
brows
The grass, where they were,

"O could we all the many back
 Whom's gathered here in vain,
 Whose careless revels whose are
 now,
 Who'll never meet again;
 How would our very souls be stirred
 To meet the earnest gaze
 Of the lovely and the beautiful,
 The lights of other days."



The "pleasant river of Appamuttuck," as Captain John Smith quaintly described it, flowing from its source in the Blue Ridge, tumbles at the staid old city of Pittsburg from the granite bed in its upper reaches into the alluvial mud plain of a more recent geological era, some twelve miles above City Point, where it mingles its own turbid water with the tawny flood of the James. Nearly three centuries have passed since the legendary subjects of King Powhatan lighted their camp fires on its banks, and the "Queen of the Appomattox" kept her state at her wigwam in the forest that fringed its northern shore. Of the aboriginal tribe which found here a favorite hunting ground, scarce a memorial remains, save now and then a shred of rude pottery or a flint arrow-head turned up by the random plowshare. No vestige of the

gentleman ever within hearing of the falls of Appomattox, which are very noisy when a flood happens to roll a larger stream of water over the rocks. The river is navigable to the falls, and at some distance from them fetches a compass, and runs nearly parallel with James river."

Returning from a journey to Roanoke in 1733 the same writer says again, in his journal:

"When we got home we laid the foundations of two great cities, one at Shocco, to be called Richmond, and the other at the point of Appomattox river, to be called Petersburg. The two places having the uppermost landings on the James and Appomattox, are naturally intended for marts where the traffic of the outer inhabitants must center. Major Mayo offered to lay them off into lots without fee."

winds of heaven come and go without let or hindrance, whether it be the fierce gale of winter shrilling like the demonic spirit of war that once hovered ominously over the sacred precincts in the bitter days of civil strife, or the gentler breeze of summer whispering mournfully in cranny and crevice of a glory that is departed. Sturdy walls "of statute size" and stout roof have survived both the stress of the elements and the buffeting of war, and like a sentinel stands "Old Blandford Church," keeping watch above the city as though bearing some high commission to hold its vigil to the end above the brave old town that lies spread at its feet.

Here it was that in 1733 the church wardens, instructed by the vestry of Bristol Parish to purchase of John Low an acre of land on Wells' Hill, began the



AS OLD FORT COMFORT LOOKS SINCE THE REMOVAL OF THE HAGLEY HOTEL.
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fort or stronghold which, we are told, the "Appamuttuck Indians" maintained at the mouth of the river's source, nor, indeed, of that other "fort" which subsequently by act of the Colonial legislature in 1645 was established at the falls of the "Appamuttuck," the tenure of which, together with 600 acres of land, was granted to Captain Abram Wood on condition that he keep it manned with ten men for the space of three years to prevent the "salvages" (used from fishing in Bristol river, as the Appomattox was sometimes called).

Something does remain, however, to prove the discernment of William Byrd whose quick eye had perceived the fitness of the site at the falls of the Appomattox for the founding of an important city. In 1728 he thus records his first impression of the place:

"At the end of thirty-eight miles we reached Colonel Bolling's (Kippax), where from a primitive scene of life we began to relax into luxury. This

And so it came to pass that the trading post originally established by Peter Jones, the friend and fellow traveler of William Byrd, for traffic with the Indians near what is now the intersection of Old and Sycamore streets in the battle-scarred Virginia city, became in the course of time under an act of Assembly passed in 1748 the town of Petersburg, for in that year the towns of Petersburg and Blandford were instituted.

Crowning the lofty heights above Blandford, long since fallen into decay and declined into an unimportant suburb of Petersburg, is a venerable edifice that strikes the eye of the traveler afar off as he approaches the city from the east. It stands a lone relic of a past age near the western entrance of the cemetery, and within the inclosure where are gathered the generations which have filled up the measure of years and accomplished the span of life within the gates of the city hard by. No barrier guards door or window, and the

erection of the parish church, and forthwith Captain Thomas Ravenscroft, in consideration of five hundred and eighty four pounds current money of Virginia, undertook the work of construction. In the year 1734 Governor Gooch, in consequence of an act of Assembly which had carved out of the original territory of Bristol Parish the new parishes of Ralcygh and Dale, interrupted the work of the contractor for a brief interval. The resources of the parish, dependent upon the general levy, must needs have been considerably reduced when the new parishes had been created, and probably proved inadequate to the demands of the undertaking. At all events, the levy was thereafter raised to forty-three pounds of tobacco "per poll," and the church was completed in the year 1736.

Hither of a Sunday flocked all the gentry and yeomanry of the land—from many a stately hall and manor house; from Claysons, birthplace of John Ran-

dolph of Roanoke, ever to be associated with the wayward genius of that eccentric and melancholy man; from Cobbs, the ancient seat of the Bollings, some nine miles away from Kippax, or Ferndale, home of Robert Bolling, the first of the name in Virginia, who took to wife Jane Rolfe, the granddaughter of Pocohontas; from Matoax, where lived John Randolph, senior, father of John Randolph, of Roanoke. Hither came portly planters in coach and curricie, when, as Mr. Robertson has told us, the weather was good, with their wives and daughters in such bravery of ribbons and laces which the last ship out from Glasgow to Blandford port under the hill had brought from the shops of the mercers and drapers of the Trongate and Virginia street. Here, doubtless, many a damsel sighed away the hour of service while Mr. Henry Tatum "set the psalms," and Parson Robertson "catechized after the second lesson," impatient till the preacher's benediction had dismissed the assembly and brought to her side the gallant in ruffle and peruke who should pay his devoirs and hand her blushing and complacent to her chariot.

Not all who preached to the congregation on Wells' Hill were as acceptable as Master Robertson. On his death in 1739 the Rev. Richard Hartwell was chosen to fill his place. Some misunderstanding unfortunately arose between this gentleman and the vestry. Both were impracticable, whereupon the vestry in the straightforward and simple fashion of those days cuts a Gordian knot and resolves "that Mr. Hartwell should not be the minister of the parish on the original terms of the contract (whatever they may have been), or on any other terms whatever"—a very direct way, indeed, out of the difficulty.

By degrees the commanding growth of Petersburg had bereft Blandford of its provincial greatness. Commerce had deserted its wharves, and its people had betaken themselves to the more populous and prosperous city. "The Old Brick Church on Wells' Hill" gradually fell into disuse, and was finally supplanted by a more commodious structure which had been erected in the city. Thus it has remained for half a century, bearing in its dilapidation silent witness to the mutability of all things human, a stranded wreck, as it were, on the shores of time.

It has been some forty years or more since a visitor loitering pensively in the ruined chamber chanced to discover, traced in pencil on the smooth plaster, near the southern entrance to the nave, a series of four anonymous stanzas, which for delicacy of fancy and tenderness of sentiment, as well

as for grace and beauty of diction, deserve to rank with the best elegiac verses of the language. Not generally familiar, they have yet to win a permanent place in the history of America. Their authorship, originally mysterious, is still uncertain; in fact, unknown. At this day it is even impossible to say to whom the credit of having first pointed them out is due. Until within a comparatively recent period the lines were still legible. Now, at length, the crumbling of the surface on which they were written, and the depredations of the vandal, who marks such things peculiarly for his own, have blotted out all trace of the original inscription.

The commonly received tradition is that they were written by Tyrone Power, the celebrated Irish comedian, who flourished during the first half of the last century, and who in the year 1841 perished at sea, a passenger on the steamship "President," that, sailing from New York for England in the month of March of that year, was never afterward reported. He on several occasions visited Petersburg, and, on his own testimony, loved to linger in the vicinity of the old church. His reflections on the spot and its associations show unmistakably that his imagination had been deeply moved in pondering the ruin, in musing upon its history, and in contemplating the winsome landscape through which the Appomattox winds its way toward the rising sun.

In his account of his travels in America he dwells at some length on the subject. He remarks the "lingering pride of gentle birth" and the "recollections which suppressed or forgotten in the land of equality during life seemed to have survived the grave stronger than death," manifest in many a lordly hatchment and many a stately epitaph.

"Here," he observes, "were set forth in goodly cutting the coat armour, crest, and motto of an old Scotch or Irish house from which the junior branches had probably received no other inheritance than the claim to gentillesse. * * * I trust that amid the changes that each day brings forth here, this ruined church will be left unprofaned, and that the tenants who sleep within its inclosure may be left undisturbed."

"And I would further counsel any gentle traveler who rests for a sunset in Petersburg to walk to this church and contemplate its going down from off the lofty stile leading over the western wall of the graveyard, and when he shall behold the forest vale below changed—as I have more than once beheld it—into a lake of living gold, and over this shall watch the shadows of evening steal until the last bright fringe

is withdrawn and the brown forest is seen again to cover all the land—when, I say, thus has been witnessed, the stranger, if a woman, certainly will hardly fail to thank me for this discovery, for such I verily consider it to be."

Assuredly he who could thus discourse of the scene might well be deemed capable of writing the exquisite verses which stand at the head of this article.

Time has in some respects wrought sad transformation in a countryside where a century and a quarter ago the flower and chivalry of Virginia dwelt as a people apart. Very subtle are those economic and social forces which, though scarce perceptible in their working, may yet avail to alter the face of communities and nations. Seventy-five years ago a change was already at hand in Southside Virginia. In a letter to Francis S. Key, John Randolph of Roanoke comments with savage bitterness on its fallen fortunes.

"What a spectacle," he writes, "does our lower country present. Deserted and dismantled country houses, once the seats of cheerfulness and plenty, and the temple of the Most High frowning in portentous silence on the land. The very mansions of the dead have not escaped violation. Shattered fragments of armorial bearings and epitaphs on scattered stones attest the piety of the past and the brutality of the present age."

Other and more obvious causes have produced their effect. The valley of the Appomattox has been swept by the pitiless besom of war. The artillery of Lee and of Grant has thundered under the very walls of Old Blandford church. The yawning chasm that speaks to this day of the Battle of the Crater is barely one mile distant. In the cemetery broken column and mutilated tablet tell of the ruthless stroke of the cannon ball when the Confederate lines lay stretched a few rods below the slope of the hill that falls away toward the north and east.

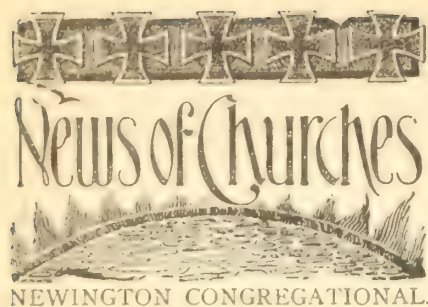
The tumult of battle has ceased these many years, and peace and quietude have resumed a sway never more to be disturbed by the rude alarm of war. And "The Old Brick Church on Wells' Hill," still abides with all its clustering memories to remind the musing wanderer within its portals of the knightly race who were its authors and builders,

Of the lovely and the beautiful,

The lights of other days.

—From "The Pilot," published by Old Dominion Steamship Co.

The plan for a Pilgrim monument at Provincetown, Mass., the real first landing-place of the Pilgrims, failed in Congress this session; but it has more lives than one.



Fourteen young people united with the church upon confession of faith at the last communion.

Mr. H. H. Spooner gave a talk upon temperance at the annual free will offering meeting of the W. C. T. U., May 31.

The Ladies' Sewing Society is to hold monthly meetings in the future.

The Church Aid Society gave a drama entitled, "Mr. Bot," upon June 5. Twenty-eight dollars was realized. The audience was very enthusiastic.

Two members of our church, Mrs. vord, have died the past month.

J. P. Comstock and Mrs. Jerusha Al-
The children are rehearsing "The Highway of the King," for the Children's Day service.

Mr. Albert Pimm of this church and Miss Norma Eaton of Hartford are to be married June 16.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

"I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord," expresses the feeling of many upon the resumption of church services, after an intermission of two weeks, which was taken as a precautionary measure against a possible epidemic of smallpox.

Miss Franc C. Potter was recently called to her home on account of the serious illness and subsequent death of her father.

The funeral of Earl Rackliff, a former member of the Sunday-school, occurred on the first Sunday in June.

A concert given under the auspices of the Epworth League, on June 5, was a treat to lovers of music.

Plans are making for a Sunday-school picnic in the near future.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Rev. Jacob A. Biddle, Arch-Deacon of Hartford County, will supply the pulpit during the month of June. Mr. Biddle has just resigned from St. Mary's Church, South Manchester, where he has done a very successful work during the past ten years.

The Connecticut Local Association of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Junior and Senior, is to hold meetings in this city Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14. The afternoon service on Sunday

will be held in St. Thomas' Church, at 2.30 o'clock.

UNITY CHURCH.

The course of sermons on Emerson given by Mr. Waite on the five Sundays in May have proved very attractive, a number attending from out of town—The subjects were, "Emerson as a Man," May 3; "Emerson as a Man of Genius," May 10; "Emerson's Religion," May 17; "On the Mountain Tops with Emerson," May 29; "Emerson as Patriot and Reformer," May 31.

The hall has been so steadily rented that the May social was omitted.

The annual picnic will be held at Snipsic Lake on Saturday, June 13.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

The Superintendent of the Sunday-school, Mr. Buckley, was away Sunday, June 7, with his wife, who is ill at the Bruce Private Hospital.

Miss Twiss is home under the care of a trained nurse.

The Dorcas Society has given up its meetings for the summer.

The Sunday evening services, under Mr. Connell, have been steadily increasing in attendance, and the work of the choir under the new organist, Mr. Freeman, has been a success.

The superintendent recently started a flower class to supply the sick.

The attendance of the Sunday-school has been very good lately.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church holds its own, the earnest words of our pastor inspiring the people to do more efficient work.

We have been greatly bereaved in the death of our beloved sister, Miss Mary W. Wright. She was always ready to do her part cheerfully and well.

The concert given by the young people was a success. Much credit is due Brother Connell for securing talent, also to the ladies who seldom fail in such work. Miss Stella Houghmaster, organist, also gave much aid.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The young people of the church are planning to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Young Peoples' Association on Friday evening, June 19. A history of the work of the society will be read, and there will be an informal address by Dr. Munger, the president of the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union, Mr. Jacks of the Y. M. C. A., the pastor of the church, and others. Following the program, a social time will be enjoyed.

Children's Day will be observed June

14, in our church. The special exercises of the Sunday-school will be held in the church at four o'clock. An exercise will be presented by the schools entitled "All for Jesus."

Twelve children will be graduated from the Primary Department and they will receive Bibles and other rewards for faithful work. Certificates of Baptism will be given by the pastor to all baptized children who have reached the age of five years.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

May 12, the Ladies Aid Society spent the afternoon with Mrs. Walter Andrews at Cedar Mountain, supper being served at 6 o'clock, returning in the evening. All who went reported a fine time.

The teachers' meetings have been discontinued since Mr. Robb left for his summer vacation. We are in hopes to resume them soon again.

May 13, Miss Haust entertained her class in the evening with games and light refreshments.

May 15, the young people of the north end gave a musical and literary entertainment under the auspices of the King's Daughters, for an invalid.

The Mission wishes to thank the following who have spoken to us: Rev. Mr. Forbes, Mr. Clarke of the Theological Seminary, Rev. D. M. Griffin and Rev. Mr. Marsh; also those who have helped in vocal and instrumental music.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

With the advancing of the season we miss faces which we are accustomed to see, and we dread the thinning out of our ranks if only for a time.

Our pastor's excellent sermons ought to be heard by full congregations.

The Mission Society are still busy with the wardrobe of their adopted Indian orphan, and we presume the supply will be great enough to allow her to divide with her less fortunate little neighbors.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The state convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in Hartford, beginning with Saturday, June 13. A conference will be held in the afternoon at the Memorial House, followed by luncheon. In the evening, at 9 o'clock, there will be a service at the church.

The Sunday-school is to have its annual picnic late in June and arrangements are now being made. The school will probably unite with another Sun-

day-school as has been our custom lately.

Our rector has been suffering for some time with a hard cold, and has had the assistance of other members of the clergy at the services for the last three or four Sundays. It is hoped that he will soon recover his usual good health.

The members of the choir were entertained at the home of our organist, Mr. A. M. Hollingshead, in West Hartford, on Saturday evening, June 6. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. The choir sang several selections and light refreshments were served during the evening.

The societies have been very active the past season, but are now having a vacation. Meetings will be resumed in the early autumn.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The meetings of the C. E. Society, although not largely attended, are of interest. A unique plan was adopted at the last missionary meeting, being a conversational meeting of juniors and seniors on missions in Porto Rico and Cuba. Letters from time to time from Mrs. Warburton, in China, add to the enthusiasm of those who know her, putting them in closer touch with the work.

The ladies of the Mission Circle are anticipating their June meeting, which is to be held on the 11th, with the South Windsor church. Miss Howard, of Hartford, and Mrs. Stein, of California, will deliver addresses. The children of the Sunday school are looking forward to a picnic at Laurel Park on June 13, it having been postponed from the rainy season of last year to an early date this year, hoping for better conditions, but those praying for rain might count the miseries of the past a blessing of the present.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The Helpers Mission Band will give a strawberry festival in the parlors of the church on Friday evening, June 12. The proceeds are to go toward the organ fund, and all are most cordially invited to attend. Admission including ice cream, is 10 cents.

The Mothers' meeting will be discontinued through July and August.

At a recent meeting of the Friendly Brothers, Mr. Day announced that the permit to conduct the gospel meetings in Riverside Park this summer, had been secured from Park Commissioner Garvan. It is hoped to begin these interesting meetings on Sunday, June 21, Rev. W. W. Ranney, pastor of the Park Congregational church, being the first speaker.

On Monday morning, May 11, Rev. John Coleman Adams, delivered a lecture in the chapel of our church on "A Comedy of Words." The lecture was given under the auspices of the H. I. Eaton Circle of Kings Daughters.

The Organ Fund is progressing satisfactorily and we anticipate the collection of the full amount desired in a short time.

During the summer months of July and August, the classes of our schools will be united under one teacher, following the custom of the last two years.

Sunday, June 14, is Children's Day. Our Sunday school is preparing a very interesting and enjoyable program. The exercises will be held in place of the usual morning service.

The ladies of the Home Department recently enjoyed their outing at Elizabeth Park. A special car took them from City Hall to the entrance of the park, where they were met by carriages, which had been kindly provided for by Mrs. Silas Chapman, Jr., and Miss Florence Chapin. A most happy time was enjoyed by all.

Arrangements are being made for the annual Sunday school picnic. The time and place has not yet been decided on.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Mrs. George Follett conducted the recent missionary meeting, the subject being "Missions in the Island World."

The monthly Sunday school teachers meeting was held Monday, June 1. After the usual supper, the pastor gave a review of the lessons for the month.

Children's Sunday will be appropriately observed June 14.

Mr. Arthur N. Bennett led the Endeavor meeting on Sunday, June 7. The topic, "To Every Man His Work," was well handled.

The annual gathering of the Allen Bible Class was held Tuesday evening, June 9.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Friday, May 8, a concert under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. was given at the church. Violin selections were rendered by Mrs. Mary Perwo-Sage; vocal and instrumental solos by Miss Else Bluehdorn; baritone solos by Mr. F. H. Kenyon, and readings by Mr. R. S. McGee, making a delightful program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience.

Friday evening, May 22, a farewell reception was tendered Mr. Roger A. Dunlap, of the Hartford Seminary, who, as organist, occasional preacher, sometime Sunday school teacher, and at all

times, friend, had endeared himself to the Glenwood people. Vocal and instrumental solos were given by Miss Emma Hyde, Miss Sade Warren, Miss Rollhoff, the present organist, Mr. and Mrs. George Graham and Rev. Mr. MacGeehon. At the conclusion of the last number, Mr. MacGeehon, in a tactful little speech, presented Mr. Dunlap with a handsomely engrossed testimonial of appreciation of Mr. Dunlap's services to Glenwood, signed by the pastor and the deacons of the Glenwood church. Mr. Dunlap's response was well timed. To each member of the choir (who shared the honors of the reception with Mr. Dunlap), Mr. MacGeehon presented a booklet of views taken by himself. Ice cream was served afterward.

Rev. and Mrs. MacGeehon were in Blandford, Mass., from May 11 to 16, the guests of Mrs. Carrie Robinson.

Sunday, June 7, Mr. MacGeehon addressed the A. O. U. W., at Jewell Hall. Topic, "Brotherhood."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Our rector, Rev. James W. Bradin, owing to a prolonged nervous strain, finds a leave of absence a necessity and by advice of his physician will devote the next few months to rest and recuperation.

Mr. Charles A. Pease, after serving as treasurer for eighteen years, has been elected junior warden, and is succeeded as treasurer by Mr. W. C. Pease. Other church officers have been elected as follows: Edward P. Taylor, senior warden; R. A. Wadsworth, clerk and auditor; F. Goodwin Smith, assistant treasurer; James T. Pratt, A. H. Pease, Dr. P. C. Washburn, Frederick W. White, William H. Carter, E. B. Johnson, Dr. F. S. Crossfield, Charles L. Taylor, J. H. K. Davis, H. L. Cottrell, J. R. Watkinson, F. Goodwin Smith, vestrymen; Charles A. Pease, Edwin P. Taylor, delegates to convention; A. H. Pease, Charles Shiras Morris, alternates.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The walls of the parish house have been painted and put in attractive condition by the Men's Club, the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Girls' Friendly Society.

The new curate, Rev. Reginald Heber Scott, began his labors on Sunday, June 7. He preached an excellent sermon.

He is to take charge of the Bible class every Sunday evening and all are invited to join this class.

A class in sacred songs meets every Saturday evening.

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* Editorial. *

IN DEFENCE OF A GOOD OLD STATE.

Some time ago the late Rev. Mr. Hutchins gave expression to his views regarding the moral state of many of Connecticut's rural communities, and they were by no means favorable. He expressed his conviction that the descendants of staunch old Puritans had degenerated morally and were almost hopelessly given over to hard cider and a Mormon condition of family life. Needless to say that his views were freely criticized and now come Rev. Mr. Wyckoff, of North Woodbury, to defend the good old state, by means of an article in "The Home Missionary."

He says:

"I can say that in respect to the churches and the social life of these communities, the statements made concerning them are grossly exaggerated. I am glad that I can bear testimony to so many things that are lovely, and of

good report in these self-sacrificing country parishes. Mr. Hutchins' paper, widely published, and commented upon by the secular and religious press, has given to our State an exceptional and undeserved notoriety. Reading these reports, a stranger might infer that Connecticut was a veritable Sodom. It is possible to go through sections of any State and find degenerate people, but it would not be just to say that these were the "prevailing types" of life there. Connecticut needs no eulogy. In present-day thrift, intelligence, integrity, purity of individual and home life, and Christian character, her inhabitants are the peers of any people in the world. Like the grindstone she has been somewhat worn away, that the large part of our country might have a brighter, sharper life, but what is left of her possesses the same grit, and I am sure her polished sons, in the future, "shall stand before kings" and "not before mean men." After a most careful investigation of statistics I find that the proportion of imbeciles, paupers, and criminals in Connecticut is much less than in most of the other States. In matters of education she stands in the front rank. Her proportionate benevolences have been and are greatly in excess of most other States. The inventive genius of her inhabitants (phenomenal as the Patent Office reports show) and manifold industries do not indicate a race of "degenerate" people. The large number of her sons and daughters devoting themselves to philanthropic and Christian work in all parts of the land, and in so many mission stations abroad, does not show "decadence" in good works.

"Formerly the inhabitants were homogeneous. To-day we have a large foreign element. We welcome all worthy strangers, we live with them in brotherly affection, and not infrequently we invite and elect them to share in the management of our civic affairs. The base sort we are trying to evangelize, as the work of the Temperance, Bible and Home Missionary Societies attest. All this Christian work, and affiliated work in many other directions, is being done by a people who are said to be controlled only by 'sordid materialism or animalism.'

"Our grandsires were not called upon to meet such serious problems, and could not have met them with the same generosity, tact and wisdom. They hanged the witches—we are trying to exorcise the devil by the Spirit of Christ. They believed the land belonged to themselves, and notified the Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other foreigners to stand off. Their children co-operate with, and rejoice in these fellow-workers in building up Christ's kingdom."

Et Cetera, and the Rev. M. Wyckoff

certainly makes out a good case. But after all, it is doubtless true that Rev. Mr. Hutchins had plenty of examples to prove his claim. There is moral degeneracy in a great many of our communities and there is by far too great an apathy in the churches regarding it, and home missionary work is very much needed right here in Connecticut.

But this State is by no means an exceptional one in this respect. It is common to others as well. And the conditions are not such as to set down and deplore, but to call forth efforts for improvement. The children of such families (and their name is legion) should be reaced by establishing Sunday-schools in their midst and misisonary work, such as we are supporting in the west, could be carried on to great advantage among them.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Investigation of the Postoffice Department has revealed a number of scandals and indirectly show what a multitude of sins a "political pull" can cover—at least for a time. Mr. August W. Machen is a type of politician all too common, and for months has had things all his own way, even in defiance of his departmental superiors, but he evidently overestimated what a political pull could do, or prevent, and now stands a good chance of landing in a penitentiary, where he properly belongs, along with his associate spoilsman in the public service.

Just before the arrest of Machen, Daniel V. Miller, assistant attorney general for the Postoffice Department, was arrested on the charge of having accepted a bribe of \$4,500 from a St. Louis "get-rich-quick" concern which desired to use the mails for fraudulent purposes. The venality of the law department of the Postoffice Department has long been obvious to the most casual observer. The result has been the flooding of the mails with circulars and letters designed to defraud the unsophisticated and enormous profits have been reaped by these swindlers. Inspectors have repeatedly reported against the guilty parties, but never could secure convictions from the law division. Now the old force is entirely swept out. Judge Tyner, head of the division, has been dismissed, Christianity, his assistant, is suspended pending the conclusion of the investigation, Miller is under bail, and Harrison J. Barrett, former law clerk of the division, is still under investigation.

A deplorable aspect of this whole deplorable business has been the apparent attempts to keep the matter quiet and to stave off investigation. A prompt, full and open investigation and summary

action would have been much more to the credit of the administration than the forced and belated action now being taken.

Northfield, for twenty-one years a center of religious activity and spiritual life, this year proposes to maintain the spirit and work so well established by the late Rev. D. L. Moody. Among leaders in the work there this year are Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, who will probably come to Hartford in the Fall, and Rev. R. J. Campbell of London, the successor of Joseph Parker.

Many other notable men will participate through the season which consists of a series of conferences which follow each other in quick succession from June to September.

The article descriptive of the purpose and work of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, which appears in this issue, should interest every Christian worker in Hartford. It is an institution in which we can take just pride and which fully deserves our support. Its various courses, which are outlined in the article, should enlist a number of students right here at home.

A chance for a little good work in the making of Americans is offered by Warburton Chapel in another column. Volunteers to teach English are desired through the vacation of the evening schools.

FIRST METHODIST.

On May 20, the "Eturpe Club" gave a very enjoyable concert at this church.

A few Sunday evenings ago we had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Hanlon of Pennington University. He is a very earnest speaker and his remarks made quite an impression.

Tuesday, June 9, the New Haven District Convention was held all day at this church. Speakers for the morning session were as follows: W. W. Winans, Watertown; B. B. Brown, Hartford; J. P. Wagner, Simsbury. At the afternoon session, Hon. H. K. Smith, Hartford; F. T. Brown, Middletown. At the evening session, Rev. G. P. Eckman, New York.

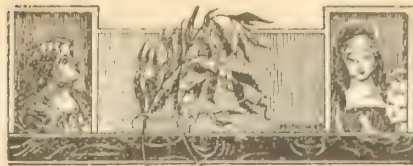
WISE SAYINGS OF FRANKLIN.

"Buy what thou hast no need of, and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities."

"He that has once done you a kindness will be more ready to do you another than he whom you yourself have obliged."

"Always taking out of the meal-tub, and never putting in, soon comes to the bottom."

"Creditors have better memories than debtors; creditors are a superstitious sect, great observers of set days and times."



WOMAN'S WORK

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

On Friday last the closing of the school at the Home was observed by special exercises and entertainment for the children. At the close, the ladies of the society gave the children a pleasant surprise, with a collation, serving ice cream and dainties, which pleased the children greatly.

Arrangements are being made for a summer school for the outdoor study of botany and natural history in their more familiar forms.

The new building, the Virginia T. Smith Home, was dedicated recently with interesting and appropriate exercises. A large number of visitors were present and after the exercises there was a general inspection of the buildings and premises. The new building is for the use of girls only.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

"What a 20th Century Mother Should Be," and "The Message of the Flowers," by Mrs. M. L. West and Mrs. F. J. Benedict, were the subjects of papers presented at our two last sessions held. Both were interesting and helpful. Adjournment was made at the last meeting, June 2, to the second Tuesday in September to meet in G. A. R. Hall, Cheney Building.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The work of the Shelter is going on. God is blessing the work and many dear ones are being reached and brought to know the Saviour.

During the month of May we have had fifteen women as members of our family, also eight lodgers. We are able to help a good many women who are without means, many strangers are sent to us and positions are found for many of them.

Our weekly meetings have been especially good of late. We were sorry to part with Mr. Robert Fulton of the Seminary, who has had charge of our Friday morning meetings.

Mr. Edward Perkins has kindly consented to take charge of these services. Our Sunday afternoon services are very largely attended and much good is done there. Mrs. M. Khaire Allah from Ramah, in Palestine, gave us a delightful talk on her work as a medical missionary last Sunday.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The past four weeks at Warburton Chapel have been marked by three entertainments on three successive Friday evenings. The first was the annual entertainment of the primary department of the Sunday school, which was arranged for by Mrs. Adeline Pye.

The second marked the close of the Sunday school, and was planned by Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb. The design was to show what is the work of the chapel, and was entitled "A Week at Warburton Chapel." One or more scenes for each day showed some of the different clubs and classes. Among others, the kitchengarden, the kindergarden, the gymnastic class, a sewing class, a cooking class and a club which has been learning how to make hats, showed the nature of their work. The announcement of prizes for the year's work of the sewing school closed the evening.

The third entertainment, given by the choir, and directed by Miss Mary L. Hastings, was for the purpose of raising money to supply ice for the drinking fountain on the front wall of the Chapel. The cool water of this fountain is enjoyed continually by young and old during the hot weather. The entertainment was successful in raising quite a sum of money.

With the close of some of the classes for the summer months has come the opening of three new enterprises. The first, an evening school, having at present one session weekly. The second, an evening club for boys, partly turned toward the direction of gymnastic work, and the third, a girls club, which, with occasional indoor sessions, will take excursions into the country on Monday afternoons.

Should any of the readers of the Church Review feel that they could give some time on Monday evenings to teaching foreigners who are anxious to learn English, it will be a great help to this effort. The various degrees of proficiency in English which foreigners in this country have attained, makes individual work very necessary. This school will hold sessions only during the vacation of the public evening schools.

There has been an effort made during the last weeks to raise some flowers in front of the chapel, an effort which has thus far been crowned with some success.

The work of building the new addition which will be a great addition to the work of Warburton Chapel, is to begin this month.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

NORTH METHODIST.

The reception given to Rev. Dr. David G. Downey and wife of Brooklyn, N. Y. was very gratifying to the large number present. Mr. Downey was much pleased to meet so many friends who attended the church during his pastorate.

The musicale given by the Kings Daughters at the home of Miss E. J. Cairns, Clark street, was a great success and was much enjoyed by the large audience.

The program for Children's Sunday was elaborately carried out as printed.

Superintendent Camp is beginning to talk of the S. S. picnic.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last missionary meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, Miss Elizabeth Steele read a paper upon the missionary work in the Hawaiian Islands.

The temperance meeting of the society was led by Mrs. F. A. Brackett.

At the vesper service Sunday afternoon, June 7, Rev. Mr. Ranney, of the Park church, preached.

Children's Day will be observed next Sunday, with appropriate exercises by the children.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Once more the church has mourned the loss of an old and faithful member. Deacon Theodore W. Hannum had been a member of the church for thirty-eight years and a deacon for thirty-three and the senior in active service. Of gentle, kindly, helpful spirit, always in his place in the Sunday service and the prayer meeting, he will be greatly missed by the church and congregation.

The memorial service of the G. A. R. and allied organizations was this year held in our church. The auditorium was beautifully decorated. Hon. Morgan G. Bulkeley presided and Rev. John Coleman Adams delivered the address, which was a strong and thoughtful presentation of the spirit of '61. The church choir sang several patriotic selections and Miss Chopourian also sang a solo.

The May social proved to be one of the most enjoyable socials of the year, there being a very large attendance. Mrs. Dixon and Miss Burt entertained the company with some clever readings and Miss Chopourian sang several times in her attractive way. The ladies of the church served tea and lemonade.

Our pastor has just returned from a trip to the South, where he preached the

baccalaureate sermon at Talladeja College, Alabama. He reports a very interesting trip and will doubtless in the near future give us his impressions of the great problem of Southern education.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Young People's Society has been very well attended the past few months. There has been an unusual degree of interest on the part of its members to make the meetings attractive and interesting. Sunday evening, May 24, Dr. Parker invited us to his home and led the meeting, which was enjoyed very much, and the social hour which followed was delightful.

We were very glad to have him with us once more, but regret that a painful accident obliged him to give up his anticipated trip to Spain and return by the same steamer.

May 28, at 4 p. m., Mr. Ashley D. Leavitt, who has just graduated from our theological seminary, was ordained as assistant pastor of our church. It was a very beautiful and impressive service and we hope his coming among us will prove a blessing to all.

Sunday evening, May 21, Mrs. Bartlett, our lady city missionary and superintendent of the Morgan Street Mission, met us and read us a very interesting report of her work there and elsewhere. We felt very grateful to her and are glad to know more about the work that is being done among us.

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

One of the members of the church and the Ladies Guild have given money to pay for the new kitchen which has been built in the parish house.

Three people have given money enough to build an organ transept, on which the work has begun.

At the fair given by the ladies of the parish, a sum of \$172 was netted.

The annual meeting of our parish was held and it showed that the church was out of debt and had a hundred dollars in the treasury.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

On Sunday, May 24, the Rev. George Williamson Smith, D. D., president of Trinity College, exchanged with Mr. Twichell. On May 31, Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., occupied the pulpit.

The work on the foundations for the parish house is being rapidly pushed forward. The building is to be finished in January, 1904.

On Saturday, June 7, a Sunday school picnic was held at Laurel park and was

a great success, a series of athletic contests being the chief feature of the day.

The fiftieth organ recital given by Mr. S. Clarke Lord was enjoyed by a large audience. This recital was the last of the season.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Sunday school sessions are drawing to a close, the terms ending June 21, with a service in the church.

The Saturday preceding, the annual picnic will occur at Hanover Park, Meriden, trains leaving Hartford at 8:33.

Our base ball team has been challenged to a game that day by the boys of Christ Church Sunday school, and judging by the interest displayed, a spirited contest may be expected.

The usual attractions at the grounds have been reserved and a good time is being looked forward to.

The new organ is being put in place and though it will be delayed some weeks later than the time it was expected to be ready for use, it will give the builders a better opportunity to voice the instrument and assure thorough workmanship.

In the meantime a small reed organ is being used, which answers its purpose as well as could be expected in so large an edifice.

The first Sunday in June we had with us Mr. E. J. Cleveland, now studying at the Cambridge Theological School, who spoke a few words of greeting, referring to the time not long past when he was scholar and later teacher in school.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

At the annual meeting of the Epworth League the following officers were elected: President, Willard E. Brown; 1st vice-president, George W. Butler; second vice-president, Miss Helen L. Gale; third vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Herman; fourth vice-president, Miss Harriet E. Witham; secretary, Miss Hattie A. Morris; treasurer, Robert S. McGee.

These officers, and Edward P. Frink, superintendent of juniors, were installed May 17, at the evening service in the church, at which Mr. Jacks of the Y. M. C. A. gave a very interesting address.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society gave a strawberry festival at the home of Mrs. Atwood on Whitney street, Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 3, which was a very enjoyable affair.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society are to give a pleasing entertainment in the chapel, June 10. There will be a musical program, and a dialogue, "Queens and a Kingdom," in costume.

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Among the attractions at the lake are good boating, bathing, a steam launch, a first class restaurant, open air entertainments, swings, pleasant walks, etc.

TROLLEY TRIPS.

From New York to Boston Through
Southern New England.

The annual guide book known as "Trolley Trips Through Southern New England," has recently been issued and the edition is on sale at all news stands and book stores. The little book has grown to considerable proportions and is now an attractive pamphlet with sixty half-tone illustrations, nearly all of them new and all of them well executed and well printed.

Routes between New York and Boston are shown with a full itinerary, giving approximate running time, fares, etc., and describing objects of interest on the trip and desirable side trips.

The trolley ride from New York to Boston can now be made with but one short break of six miles and a half between Cheshire and Southington.

The engravings are from newly taken photographs, including one representing the laying of the wood block in front of City Hall. Elmer M. White and Herbert O. Warner have collaborated in getting up this convenient little book for some years, and the present issue is quite an improvement over any previous number.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan is to superintend religious work at the St. Louis World's Fair.

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ADDITIONAL CHURCHES

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Tuesday, May 26, the Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters gave a pleasing evening's entertainment, consisting of selections on the gramophone, a play entitled "Surprise," and piano duets. This was followed by games, and refreshments were served at the close. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the friends and members of the society.

Our pastor is at present preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on the life of David, his general subject being, from Shepherd's Staff to Kingly Sceptre. He has already preached two of these sermons and we are looking forward to the next one with pleasure.

Sunday evening, June 14, will be devoted to the Bible School, at which time the school will give a cantata, entitled, "The Beautiful City." There will also be exercises by the Primary Department.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On Sunday, May 24, Mr. Roca, the Baptist missionary among the Italian people of the city, was with us for a short time in Sunday-school and spoke to the children. On the evening of May 31, two young people followed Christ in baptism. Others have been received this month by letter.

The exercises of the children will take the place of the regular morning service on Children's Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. meetings have been especially interesting during the past month.

The new officers of the B. Y. P. U. are as follows: Pres., A. C. Woodbury; vice-president, John M. McKenzie; secretary, Miss H. P. Moses; treasurer, R. E. Fish.

The Young Men's Bible Class will give a strawberry festival and entertainment on June 10. This is the third entertainment which has been given under the auspices of this class. Their object is the lighting of the church by electricity.

In the Thursday evening meetings we have been taking up the study of the Christian life as given in the Christian Culture Courses of the B. Y. P. U. The study was begun early in the winter. The meetings are very informal and have been most helpful.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

May 17, Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis of Washington, D. C., delivered a very interesting address in our church on "Woman's Influence in Legislation, describing how the W. C. T. U. had framed

laws affecting and restricting the sale of liquors and the passage of them through Congress.

May 24, our pastor gave us a sketch of Ralph Waldo Emerson's life, drawing lessons from his character we might all imitate in commemoration of his birthday. The Junior C. E. Union of Hartford and vicinity held a rally in our church. The subject was Prayer, and Miss Kate E. Adams gave her experience in teaching among the Highlanders of Tennessee.

Almost every Sabbath our pastor gives us in Sunday-school a very helpful mental exercise of five minutes on some phases of the Bible in the form of questions, which he prepares himself. They are proving very instructive.

May 31, our pastor exchanged with Rev. Herbert Macy of Newington.

June 10, the Ladies' Aid Society gave an ice cream and strawberry festival in our chapel, together with a cake and bread sale. Refreshments were served from 6 to 9.

June 4, Mrs. M. Khaire Allah, a Syrian, spoke in our chapel on her Christian work in Ramah, nine miles from Jerusalem.

Her mission is to educate her son of 16, now at Mt. Hermon, to be a physician; also to raise funds to complete a chapel in Ramah.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

On May 8, the annual convention of the New Haven District Epworth League was held at New Haven. Two delegates from our League attended, Mrs. W. F. Sheldon and Emma L. Booth. Both brought back glowing reports from the day's outing. On May 17, the Epworth League anniversary day was appropriately celebrated by our League. Mr. O. G. Arnarius gave us a brief history of the League and the president, Mr. Spellman, told of its present condition. The delegates from the recent convention at New Haven read very interesting reports. Our pastor, Rev. W. F. Sheldon, spoke of the desires and aspirations he had for our League in the future. Special music was rendered, and the spirit of the meeting was uplifting.

On May 22, the 32d meeting of the Father Howson Young People's Union was held at the Windsor Locks M. E. church. Nine members of our League were represented at this meeting.

On May 24 a union temperance meeting was held at the Congregational parish house. Mrs. Cornelia Forbes and Mrs. Barney, of the Y. M. C. A., were present and spoke in behalf of the work of that organization. This meeting led to the forming of a W. C. T. U. in Windsor, with eight charter members.

On May 24, the G. A. R. assembled

at the M. E. church and occupied front seats. They were few in numbers, but listened eagerly to the eloquent discourse delivered by our pastor, Rev. W. F. Sheldon. The male quartette rendered several selections and the church was handsomely decorated with the national colors.

On May 31, Mr. Tatsu Tanacka, of Tokio, Japan, read a paper on "Japanese Women," before our League.

MORGAN ST. CHAPEL.

The Mother's meeting of the Chapel took a trolley ride to East Windsor Hill on May 29. There were twenty-six in the party, as each mother brought the little children too young to be in school. The weather was delightful and the ride gave great pleasure to all.

The children of the Sunday-school are preparing for a special service to be held on Children's Sunday, June 14. There will be songs and recitations appropriate to the day. The superintendent of the school, Mr. Burton P. Twichell, is planning an outing for the boys on Saturday, June 13, for the purpose of gathering flowers for decorations on Children's Day.

Miss Arline Northam gave a delightful talk at a recent Mothers' Meeting, describing her trip to the Holy Land.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The new Hoadley Memorial is now fast assuming shape. It consists of the carrying up of all the buttresses of the nave of the church in sculptured pinnacles, those at the corners being higher than the rest, and the crowning of the walls by a sculptured cornice. The effect is even now admirable. The new work gives a massive and stately dignity to the somewhat severe lines of our ancient sanctuary and is already giving great satisfaction to all who behold it.

The past month has been signalized at Christ church by the formation of the Crusaders' Club an organization for young men. The meetings have been well attended and the growing membership attests the popularity of the undertaking. The club supports a baseball team which has won honors twice, since the founding of the club, against local organizations.

The Girls' Friendly Society gave Mrs. Jarley's wax works recently before a large audience. Dancing and general social enjoyment followed and the evening was voted a grand success.

The Connecticut Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold its annual meeting in Hartford on Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14. A great public meeting will be held at Christ Church, Sunday evening at 7.30 and all are cordially invited.

HARTFORD Christian Endeavor Union

HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The summer meeting of the union will be held Sunday, June 26, at the Poquonock Congregational church. It is expected the following program will be carried out:

Devotional exercises.

Address, "The Godless Sunday," Mr. David Calhoun.

Address, "The Sin of Profanity," Mr. George H. Wilder.

Address, "The Evil of Gambling," Mr. L. A. Wiley.

Collection, in part of Fresh Air Fund and for the Union for Home Work.

Address, "Show Your Colors," Rev. H. E. Peabody.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Endeavorers:

The time of the special "increase campaign" has passed, but not the time for increase. You have without doubt worked with some, without success so far. Don't give up, but use other people and other means of approaching them. I am glad that a good number of the societies have obtained more than ten per cent. increase. If your society has been successful, don't think that it is time to take a vacation, but realize that NOW is your opportunity to do your best work with these new members. If you wait until fall or the end of the year, they will have lost their enthusiasm and you will have to put forth much greater effort to overcome their inertia, you will have this same law of inertia on your side when fall comes, for they will expect to work and you can, with very little effort, lead them to still greater usefulness.

The twelve new members whom we have received in my own society have already been assigned to committee work and are entering into it in a very helpful way. Will you please do the same with your new members?

I have seen many societies become nearly dead, because of a lack of training for the new members.

October 23 is to be a "Red Letter Day" for Hartford Christian Endeavorers, as it will bring more Endeavor workers to our city than we have had in a long time, as many in the nearby unions will be anxious to attend the

district convention of the "Connecticut Union," which will hold three sessions here on that day. Talk the matter up with other members of your society, and when the day comes let us be prepared to take advantage of it.

Yours in C. E.,
EDWIN H. MUNGER,

President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual)

Sun., June 14. Topic—Gold or God?
Luke 18: 18-30.

In Dante's sublime poem of "Heaven and Hell," the rich young ruler is spoken of by the poet as "he who made the great refusal," and suffer eternal loss. refusal." To reject Christ because of any earthly thing that cannot be given up, is to make the "great refusal," and suffer eternal loss.

For God is necessary to us; and gold, or fame, or power, or pleasure, is not. Men have renounced all earthly things for God, and rejoiced, living or dying, with a joy that grew with sacrifice. But men who have renounced God for earthly things, have found restlessness and unhappiness even in success, have gained sorrow and not joy. The soul needs where they belong—in the second place, God first and foremost. When we have realized that, we will put earthly things

Every time in young lives that worldly success conflicts with the will of God in the soul, the great refusal must be either made or replaced by the great acceptance. To choose to follow Christ whenever the ways divide, is to find the secret of joy and salvation.

Points for Study

What was the sin of Achan?
What did Moses do with the golden calf?
What became of Judas and the thirty pieces of silver?

Sun., June 21. Topic—How we May Learn to Use Our Sword. Eph. 6: 17; Heb. 4: 12, 13; 1 Tim. 2: 15.

The word of God has been tried in the warfare of centuries. It has helped men to fight their way through doubt, difficulty, and danger. A child can handle it and yet it is powerful enough for the strongest.

The old proverb says, "Beware of the man of one book." If that one book be the Bible, the world may well beware of the man nourished by it, and living in its thoughts; for he will conquer the world. A deep knowledge of the Bible truth is what this hasty, restless age of ours most needs.

Points for Study

What use did Jesus make of the Scripture in his temptation?
What effect did the finding of the Bible have upon Josiah and his people?
What is said of Timothy's knowledge of the Bible?

Sun., June 28. Topic—Christ in Our Cities. Acts 18: 1-11; Luke 19: 41-44; Matt. 11: 23, 24. (City Missions.)
City problems are not new. Babylon and Nineveh had them, long before Christ came. Jerusalem was a city whose

ruined reputation, especially at Jerusalem, was a constant reminder to the nations. Paul knew Corinth and Rome as well as the cities of Judaea. London, France, and New York, if properly used, could have saved Jerusalem, Corinth, or Rome, if only the nations had accepted the gospel of Jesus that they sell.

The remedy for every evil condition in an individual, in a household, in a church, in a city, is the Bible. The boys of men, the lack of love, the lack of the working of spiritual strength, make the problems of our great cities. Of course, there must be some social life, together in community, and happiness to these individuals. Follow any city problem, and you come to the end of it in one time: good work, better work, political reform, but good work in all and above all.

When we are turned that they have power.

Points for Study

What mission have we in our city?
What is the Church doing in the day-time?
What movement toward the cities is shown by the saints?

Sun., July 5. Topic—Endeavorers in Training. See Public Life. Gen. 41: 25-47; Acts 17: 22-31; Dan. 6: 1-14.

In all these men of God have counted in national life. Some of the prophets were princes, and some were lowly, but all were important enough to stir up bitter opposition and to help shape national affairs. If they had not counted they would not have been persecuted.

John the Baptist was an ascetic, fond of the desert, and flaming men and cities. Yet when his mission was plain to him he took part in national affairs, condemned the king whom no one else dared to speak, and was so powerful that Herodias dared not let him live. The apostles were persecuted, because they were not to be too powerful, and the world hated them.

Every man, woman, or child who studies for righteousness counts in a community. Every upright voter counts. Every honest official counts. Joan of Arc was only an ignorant peasant girl; yet she saved her nation. Faithfulness and courage always count whenever they begin.

Points for Study

How did Joseph save Egypt from a famine?
What part did Deborah take in national life?

What instructions did Jehoshaphat give to the judges and leaders?

Sun., July 12. Topic—What the Holy Spirit can do for me. John 16: 7-15.

All of us desire power. All of us crave joy. But we usually make the mistake of trying to find power and joy in ourselves, while only in God can they to be found.

When man wishes to add the power of electricity to his own body strength, he follows the laws of electricity, and all its mighty energy is harnessed to his cars and machines. The man who disobeys or ignores these laws, electricity can do nothing for him. The same rule obtains in spiritual things. God's law, and the Spirit will be given. Disobey God, and spiritual power is impossible.

Prepare the heart for God, and the power of God will flow into it, and the

... at God will gladden the soul. But leave me indulged in, and power and grace are barred out. Self and sin can not inherit God's promises.

Points for Study.

How did Samuel gain spiritual power? Why could not the disciples heal the leprosiac?

How did the Spirit come upon the apostles?

How did the Spirit come to the Ephesian disciples through Paul?

Sund., July 19. Topic—Religion Between Sunday. Acts 2: 42-47.

Sunday is only one-seventh of the week. No matter if we keep it as strictly as possible, that cannot make it any more, in proportion to the rest of the week, than one day out of seven. Therefore, to confine our religion to Sundays is only to have one-seventh of a religion, and no more.

True religion will pervade the whole week, every day, hour, and minute. Like a perfume, it penetrates all the air. A religion too good for everyday use is only a fine-spun theory that will not stand practical test. Religion is the most practical, everyday thing in the world.

Some Christian lives are like a line of rollers sagging down in a deep curve between the level of the Sunday points. What a pitiful zigzag such a life makes! Life should rise, rather, on an even, upward slope, with the Sundays marking the way like points of rest for the climber.

Points for Study.

How did Daniel show his week day religion?

What work did Dorcas do between Sundays?

By what daily trade did Paul support himself?

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During the past month the work of the Open Hearth has suffered no diminution, but on the contrary, there has been a marked increase in all its branches. The meeting was well attended and those present manifested a gratifying interest, and many have professed their desire to leave their past behind them and strive for better things, while many who have made the profession during the winter, show by their continued perseverance, that their promise has been kept. Some after a short time have gone back to their homes and families, and Superintendent Miller is cheered from time to time by letters showing their love and their good purpose never to go back to their evil habits. Others are in good positions and are regaining the confidence of their fellow citizens and friends. Families long separated have been united through the instrumentality of Superintendent Miller and are now happy in their homes. All these things are cheering to our superintendent and will repay him for the days and years he has spent in the good work of trying to make others happier and better.

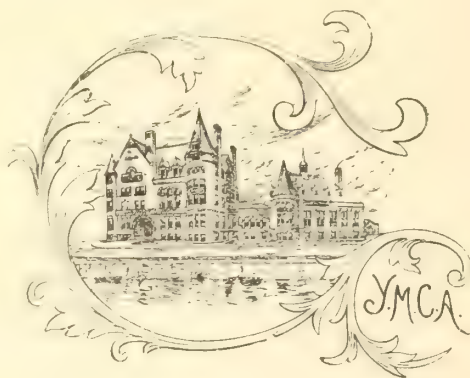
The Women's Society meets every Friday afternoon and is fully attended and has been the means of helping many who come under its influence.

The Girls' Club is flourishing and many attend in the pleasant room nearly every evening.

The Boys' Club is full of new faces and the band is fast becoming proficient.

One of the most beautiful spots in our city is the gardens of the Open Hearth, which are marked out and tended by those who have been given a plot to care for. They plant the flowers and tend them until fall, when they place them in pots and take them to their homes to brighten and cheer during the winter months.

The wood yard is flourishing, and our citizens are finding that while the prices are the same as at other yards, they are assisting in this way and with no money cost to themselves, in enabling our superintendent to care for a large number of men until they can obtain employment.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The series of addresses by local pastors on "Denominational Education," were largely attended and were most instructive and helpful. A delightful feeling of brotherhood prevailed and the questions asked after each address were thoughtful and to the point.

No meetings will be held in the building during the summer.

Special plans are now being made for September and October Sundays. Beginning with November, the opera house meetings will be resumed, when addresses will be made by the following men, which is considered the strongest array of talent yet presented:

November: Frank R. Roberson, the famous traveler and explorer; Prof. Charles Gray Shaw, Ph.D., of New York University; Hon. G. A. Gearhart, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Alton Packard, the chalk talker.

December: Dr. Lyman Beecher Sperry, of Oberlin, O.; Prof. Dewitt Miller, of Chatauqua fame; Rev. C. A. Barbour, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev.

C. H. Mead, D. D., of New York City. January: Rev. C. H. Yatman, of Ocean Grove, one of the greatest evangelists in the Methodist body; Prof. A. W. Hawks, of Baltimore, known as the laughing philosopher; Col. L. F. Copeland, of Pennsylvania, the king of the platform; Judge W. N. Ashman, of the Orphans' Court, Philadelphia; Congressman Chas. B. Landis, of Indiana.

February: Prof. Leon C. Prince, of Dickenson College, Pa.; Rev. Francis A. Strough, of Michigan, with illustrated address; U. S. Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa; Prof. John B. DeMotte, one of the most interesting men on the platform to-day.

March: Hon. Carroll D. Wright, of Washington, D. C., Commissioner of Labor; Rev. Thomas McClary, of Minnesota, known in his own state as "the people's favorite"; Rufus Emerson King, editor of the *Ilion*, N. Y., Citizen; Rev. John H. Elliott, D. D., of New York City.

All of these men rank high in the lecture field. They will bring a strong message to men on the Christian life. A number of them have been secured for popular lectures to be given in Unity hall on the Monday evening following their Sunday date. A prospectus giving all the particulars will be issued in the early fall.

Preparations are being completed for the annual boys' camp at Lake Swanzy, N. H., which will be conducted from July 8 to 21. Parents will find this an inexpensive and helpful way to give their boys a summer outing under safe and wholesome influences.

The swimming tank is very popular just now. Boys are taught to swim without extra charge under perfectly safe conditions. A membership fee of \$5 per year covers this and all other privileges.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, better known as "Fighting Bob," has made a report to the Navy Department in which he says he regards a crisis in China as imminent, and would not be surprised to see it followed by territorial disintegration. He even intimates that the conditions are such as may plunge all Europe into war. Admiral Evans is now commander of the Asiatic squadron and as he is on the ground, considerable respect is paid to his view of the situation. If the trouble comes, according to the Admiral, it will come very soon.

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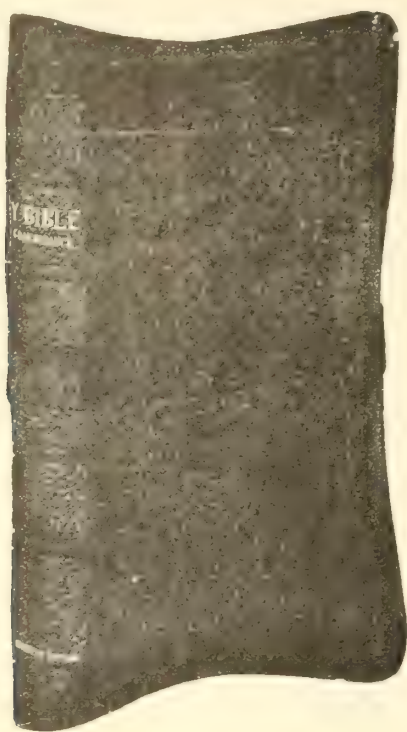
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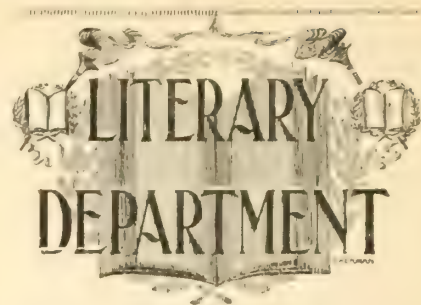
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The June *Century* opens with "The Sultan of Morocco Journeys Toward Fez," written and illustrated (in part in color) by Arthur Schneider, an American artist, who lived for fourteen months with the sultan, and who described in the May *Century* his efforts to teach his majesty drawing.

Henry Norman and G. C. Ashton Johnson, the latter a practical Stock Exchange man, described the London Stock Exchange, with pictures by Andre Castaigne. Howard Crosby Butler, author of the lately published book, "The Story of Athens," describes "The Land of Deserted Cities."

The lover of fiction will turn with pleasure to the latest issue of *The Cosmopolitan*. Here appear a charming love-story by Francis Willing Wharton, beautifully illustrated by Thomas Mitchell Peirce; a dramatic railroad story by R. H. Farnham; a romance of the business world by Trumbull White, and contributions by H. R. Martin and Henry Seton Merriman. In the same number, which is remarkable for the great variety of topics that are discussed, Edward Everett Hale writes on "Old-Age Pensions."

You will rarely see as interesting a table of contents as that of the June number of *Everybody's Magazine*. Beginning with the full-page frontispiece of Thomas Wallace Russell, who has taken Parnell's place as leader in the fight for Ireland's freedom, and ending with "some additional remarks" by Simeon Ford, with his quaint and irresistible humor, the magazine is brim-full of bright, snappy, entertaining work by good writers.

The departments in the June *Woman's Home Companion* are especially timely. Two articles deal with June weddings. Travelers will be interested in reading "How to Pack a Trunk." Miss Juliet Wilbor Tompkins has some good words about the servant problem, and Ernest Harold Baynes writes about "Bird-Land Nurseries" for bird lovers. A new feature is the beginning of a series of short stories, called "Nurse Norah's New Arabian Nights," by Elliott Flower.

The July *Delineator* shows a considerable change in make-up from preceding issues; the literary matter has been brought to the front of the book, then follow the fashions, and lastly departmental matter. The number is in many respects superior to any previous one. The display of the fashions is charming and up to date, and the literary contents are of striking interest.

Spinners of Life. By Vance Thompson. 204 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.50.

If, in order that you might inherit a good fortune from a Mandarin, living in some far away China, whom you had never seen, nor heard of, it were necessary for you merely to touch a spot on your wall—would you touch it and kill Mandarin?" This is a question Jean Jacques Rousseau once asked. The principal character in this romance has such a problem come to him and he touches the spot. The story shows the results of his action.

In many ways the story is a remarkable one. It is mystical and to an extent allegorical. Certainly it is strong and holds the interest closely.

Through the courtesy of the publishers we are enabled to show a portrait of the author and a photograph of his home in Paris, a queer house which was once owned by the poet Boileau. It is over three hundred years old.

Life's Common Way. By Annie Eliot Trumbull. 420 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author is a resident of this city. Her work is marked by high literary workmanship, and the evidence of carefulness is in her writing, without a trace of the mechanical being apparent.

The motif of this, her latest and most worthy work, reminds one of the avowed purpose of Warner's "A Little Journey in the World," but the plot and trend of this story are entirely on different lines. The effect of American every day life and customs upon the character of a New England society woman of to-day is shown. The influences in social life that work beneath the veneer of conventionalities, the pent-up forces, the variety that really enters into and influences the mover along "life's common way," are revealed with sagacity, clearness and genuine humor.

The character of Ingledew is especially well portrayed and distinctive.

The Laos of North Siam. By Lillian Johnson Curtis. 338 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. Price \$1.25.

For four years Mrs. Curtis was a missionary at Lakawn and so, through her special opportunities for observation and a natural quick observation, she is probably better qualified for such a work as this, than have been any of her predecessors in writing of this country and its people.

The wonderful progress of mission work among a remarkable people is an item which cannot but be considered, as one reads the often thrilling pages. Not alone thrilling, either, but there is humor and often deepest earnestness throughout.

The habits and characteristics as well as their customs, quaint and picturesque as compared with our own, are described with sympathetic appreciation and understanding.

The Story of the Churches. The Baptists. By Henry C. Vedder, D.D. 245 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.00.

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Babel and Bible. By Friedrich Delitzsch. 226 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

At least there is no originality in the revised and prepared edition of the famous lecture delivered by Professor Delitzsch before the members of the Deutsche Orient Gesellschaft in the presence of the German Emperor. These lectures were heard of long before they were accessible to the general public and created a sensation of great dimension.

Professor Delitzsch by his own investigations, research and study throws lights on the relations of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, and the facts of history as told by the cuneiform records found in the last few years. Some of his statements were astounding and created a storm of excitement and rejoinder, attack and vigorous defense. The conclusions the author made, he has not seen wise to alter and, whatever may be one's opinion after reading this little volume, he will at least be assured, that it carries in it more incentive, than hindrance, to religious progress.

Marjorie. By Justin Huntley McCarthy. 289 pages, 12 mo. New York: R. H. Russell. Price \$1.50.

The author of that remarkable romance, "If I Were King," has retrograded in this, if it really is his latest work. It is a purposeless, almost plotless story, yet so well told that could more real feeling and design have been instilled into it, it might have proved a notable book. As it is one must criticize it as seemingly insincere and disappointing.

There is some characterization that is excellent, and some few scenes worthy of better setting. The illustrations are excellent and the publisher has done more than his part in producing a beautiful book.

Teachings of the Lord Jesus. By W. S. Bean, D.D. 105 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. Price 40 cents.

A little volume concerning the various teachings of the Christ regarding God, Man, Himself, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Kingdom of God and the Citizens of the Kingdom.

Wood Folk at School. By William J. Long. 188 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Company. Price 50 cents.

John Burroughs recently criticized Ernest Thompson-Seton and Dr. Long for untruthfulness to nature and fact. Especially did he refer to Dr. Long's stories of birds teaching their young to fly. Mr. Burroughs asserted that birds were not so taught. Immediately a host of Dr. Long's friends took up the cudgel in his behalf, and now Dr. Long himself brings out this account of "Wood Folk at School."

It is a very interesting story and is written with care and deliberation. It is the result of earnest study and

vation and means, of course, certainly not *unworthy*. That the author proves his point, and to that extent carries the day will be the belief of every reader, and the respect one holds for the knowledge and good faith of Mr. Burroughs. Everyone will be interested and instructed by reading this little volume.

John Prentiss an Udder. By Harold Bell Wright. 465 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: The Book Supply Co. Price \$1.50.

There are several characters in this unique story that appear worthy of special note. They give a literary quality to the book, which otherwise it unfortunately lacks, for, while it is a powerful story, it has some bathos as well as pathos, some false sentiment as well as much that is true.

"Richard Falkner" is an admirable hero, human, but brave, and influenced in his course of life by the memory of a noble mother. He is well contrasted by "Adam Goodrich," whose arrogance and hypocrisy nearly ruined the life of his daughter, whom Falkner loved.

One can consistently admire both the "Reverend Cameron," whose life is given completely to his work, and "George Udell," manly and philanthropic and loyal to Christ's teachings as he understood them, but an unbeliever in the Church.

A Rose of Normandy. By R. A. Wilson. 378 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

"Tontine" insurance was originated by a Neapolitan banker as a scheme to fill the depleted treasury of Louis XIV. The son of this brilliant schemer, Henri de Tonti, is the hero of this romantic and adventurous tale. His association with Sieur de La Salle brought him into numerous difficulties and some happy experiences in the Canadian wilds, as well as in France.

His love for Renie, the "Rose of Normandy," their perils from Indians, their escape, all are told with a charm and earnestness that makes the story well worth while. The publishers have allowed the reproduction herewith of one of the excellent and sympathetic illustrations.

Horses Nine. By Sewell Ford. 270 pages, 12 mo. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Price 1.50.

The field of animal stories has seemed so fully worked that there could be no room left for further successes in it, but in the present collection there is some excellent material which stands notably in the front row. "Pasha," the son of Selim, half Arabian and the other half human, "Black Eagle," "Old Silver," "Calico" and "Blue Blazes" are all depicted with a clear understanding apparently of at least some horse natures.

There is no false sentiment in evidence, though an occasional note of pathos balances well with a delicate humor that is never introduced out of place.

A Manual for Christian Instruction. By Wm. R. Buxton. 98 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price 35 cents.

The manual is designed for use in pastor's training classes, Y. M. C. Associations, adult Sunday school classes

and young peoples' societies. There are one hundred and forty even leading questions and answers, with proof-texts, all bearing out the definite purpose of the little work which is to make clear the relations of God and Man.

Hero Stories from American History. By Albert F. Blaisdell and Francis K. Ball. 359 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 50 cents.

The reader of American history, young or old, will be interested in this volume for supplementary reading. It is designed more especially as a school text-book. Among the subjects treated are "The Hero of Vincennes," "The Patriot Spy," "From Teamster to Major General," "Old Ironsides" and "Old Hickory's Christmas."



From "A Rose of Normandy,"
by Wm. R. A. Wilson
Little, Brown & Co., Publishers.

Brewster's Millions. By Richard P. Graves. 325 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: H. S. Stone & Co. Price \$1.50.

It seems safe to name this one of the most thoroughly entertaining stories of the year. Its action is rapid and fascinating from the first chapter and the climax is more exciting than the original problem, which is:

How young Brewster, who is bequeathed a million dollars by his grand father, can spend every cent of it within a year, in order to inherit seven millions which has been left conditional upon that accomplishment by an uncle, who, hating the grandfather, did not wish a single penny of his own money to mix with the grandfather's bequest.

It seems easy, but as restricted by several conditions, Brewster found it no easy task and he found more than sufficient excitement in it.

Hero. By William Henry Carson. 363 pages, 12 mo. Boston: C. M. Clark Pub. Co. Price \$1.50.

The story of a boy born in Italy of an Italian mother. His father was a young American traveller, whom the force of circumstances obliged to act an apparently dishonorable part. The boy grows up with the purpose instilled in his mind that he must go to America and find and kill his father and he comes to this country with that aim.

His adventures and trials leading up to the finding of his father, the unexpected development of the story from the moment of the meeting between father and son, afford scenes of unique interest and develop some interesting characters.

The story is clean and well-told and holds the interest closely throughout.

Drumty and Man. By W. K. Roberts. 330 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

This is a study of the formation of intellectual power and of the material problems that confront every individual in the different periods of his life. The personal advantages of honesty and cleanliness of mind and living, the rationalism of religious belief and disbelief and numerous questions of practical morality are among the subjects, which are fearlessly discussed. The Allegory which occupies the latter half of the book consists of a searching arraignment of modern Christian civilization.

It is a useful and needed work, but the person who needs it most, the Average Man, will probably never read beyond its sub-title. Its subtlety of expression is baffling, and is almost an affectation in a work, which, clearly and concisely worded, as this is not, would be of inestimable value to every adult reader.

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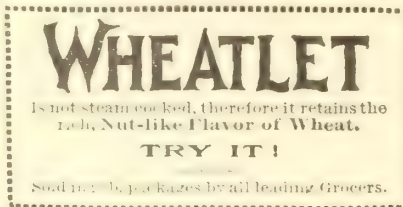
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NOT HIS THE SILENCE.

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O you whose doubt I know, whose pain I share,

Who cry into the night if God be there,
And wait, and listen, till the darkness seems

As empty and as meaningless as dreams!
Across my soul-dark shines one ray of light.

A silver star upon the void of night.
If there be comfort in it, take the thought:

Through countless years an Unknown Worker wrought,
Till lo! we see the sunrise, hear the wind.

Awake, rejoice, and guess a God behind!

Long ages more the Laborer will need
To give us soul-eyes that we see in deed;

Long ages more before our dullard ears
Shall catch the music of the quiring spheres.

Be still, O crying souls! I think he hears
The bitter falling of our midnight tears;
Yearns pitiful above the infant, Man;
Awaits the patient progress of his plan
Within the soul that now in anguish cowers.

Not his the silence, but the deafness-ours.

WHY I AM A BAPTIST.

By Rev. Harold Pattison.

Text: I Peter, 3:15.

As Baptists we rejoice to-day in the agreement between ourselves and other denominations in regard to the most important Christian truths. Compared with those things in which we are all agreed, our differences are few and unimportant. In emphasizing the distinctive truths for which the Baptists stand, we do so not to rouse a spirit of controversy, but to justify our own existence and to be loyal to those principles entrusted to us which have so vastly influenced the world.

We gladly grant that there is less difference between ourselves and other denominations than formerly. This is due to two reasons. Many of the truths for which we originally stood alone have been accepted to larger or less extent by other bodies, and second, we ourselves have changed in the course of years, modifying some of the conclusions from our premises, discovering fresh truth that has broken forth from God's word, taking new viewpoints as we have enlarged, broadened and bettered.

Many of us being asked, "Why are you a Baptist?" would answer truthfully, "Because my father was." That is an excellent reason. We obey our fathers because we believe them wiser than ourselves. We follow in their footsteps because we believe their paths were good, but as the years pass on, we must have reasons of our own which appeal to our judgment, are acceptable to our intelligence, are in conformity with our ideals. It is to make clear these reasons that we may be ready, "Always to give to every man that asketh you a reason," that I ask your attention this morning to three reasons for loyalty to our denomination.

I. I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S BODY (Col. 1:18, I Cor. 12:27), and as such should have for its members only regenerated persons. This means reality in religion. You cannot be made fit for the Church by any mystic touch or rite, or symbol, as it is only those who have pure hearts that can see God, so only those who have new hearts have right to church membership.

SONS

1. ONLY REGENERATE PERSONS THEN CAN BE CHURCH MEMBERS IN ANY TRUE SENSE. There is a definite line between the Church and the world. What our Lord meant by being "born again" in His interview with Nicodemus, what St. Paul meant by the "new creation" in the "new man," that experience we stand for as necessary before one can be a member of Christ's body, which is the Church.

We recognize that this change of

conversion may be gradual and unconscious, or may be sudden and definite, but with purpose we have nothing to do so long as the result has been accomplished through the Holy Spirit of God.

2. ONLY SUCH PERSONS SHOULD RECEIVE BAPTISM.

Baptists stand as a protest against the idea that baptism saves men. Baptism is a picture of what has already taken place in a man's heart. Baptism is the symbol of the change which we regard as vital. Instead of man being necessary to salvation, a man must be saved before he is baptized. "Repent and believe are everywhere in the New Testament, prerequisites of baptism. Not to be baptized and have faith afterward, but have faith and then be baptized. This is exactly opposite to the view of Rome, which says, 'Sin, whether contracted by our birth, from our first parents, or committed by ourselves by the admirable virtue of the sacrament (of baptism) is remitted and pardoned. By baptism we are signed by a character, which can never be blotted out of our soul. It opens to every one of us the gate of heaven.'"

Alone among denominations we take a position opposed to that position Archbishop Hughes, the far-sighted prelate of New York, once said to a Presbyterian minister, "We have no controversy with you; our controversy is with the Baptists." Until comparatively recent times the idea that baptism alone will not make a Christian, was distinctively a Baptist doctrine. In the Middle Ages all but Baptists held the doctrine of baptismal regeneration. While many other denominations are practically in accord with us here, yet they have never been able thoroughly to shake their garments clear of certain Romish practices, which, in consistency, should have been done away with, since the principles of the Reformation were accepted.

This is the reason why Baptists are not baptist subjects. Our baptism originated in those times when it was believed if a man was not baptized he could not be saved. The false notion of baptism could not but have been

the same, and place upon the same.

The Episcopalians, in their practice of baptizing of infants, hold this same meaning. We do not understand how any reasonable man can take the words of the prayer book to mean anything else. In most other denominations, the baptism of infants is regarded as a declaration of their children to God, and not as a saving ordinance. In this case of baptism, let us as Baptists remember our solemn agreement and sympathy. At present, we are not in a position to make any statement either in public or private to indicate our children, so brought to me, that a little baptism water will not be used, because it is more easy and unscriptural. In all the New Testament, not a single instance is found of infant baptism. There are several cases where whole households were baptized, as that of Stephanas, baptized by St. Paul, and the Philippian prison, but there is no sign of their being infants in either of these families, nor do we know we are told that they were added to the number of the saints, and in the other, that they received, believing in God, continuous gifts, which could hardly be fulfilled by infants. So long, as we are guided by Challenging words, "The Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants," so long, until a single example of infant baptism is found in the Bible, we shall refuse to practice it.

As to the form of baptism, we as Baptists hold it to be by immersion. We believe that only one old enough to be here, is old enough to be baptized, and personally, I believe that every child by ten years of age, should be in the Church. The form of baptism is not the matter of supreme importance to Baptists. If immersion was all we stood for it would not be enough to justify a separate existence. It is claimed by other churches that it is inconvenient, and very often it is, but we do not ourselves see any good reason why on the ground of convenience, the ordinance, as originally performed by the Church, should be changed. We take it for granted that Christ and His disciples knew of no other form. Lest there should be some uninformed on the subject, let me say in passing, that in every Greek Lexicon, none of which are written by Baptists, the word "baptizo" is defined as immersion. The Episcopal prayer book gives this form as the form preferred, and scholars universally acknowledge that baptism originally was only by immersion. Those of other denominations are Martin Luther, John Calvin, Geikie, Dr. Hansen, F. W. Robertson, Dean Alfred, Connebare and Housen, Meyer, Schaff, Langey, Dollinger (R. C.), Dean Stanley, G. P. Fisher (Congregationalist).

The practice of Christ in His own baptism, the universal practice of the early Church, the fact that the majority of Christians to-day so practice the rite, and the fact to change the form of baptism is to entirely destroy the beauty and significance of the ordinance, Rom. 10:14, lead us to hold fast to this form.

THE FACT THAT OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION, is not a sufficient reason to refuse to join with them in communion. It seems to me an inconsistent position to hold that we can pray and work with members of other denominations, but not sit with them at the

Lord's Supper. We deny that close communion is held by the members of Baptists of the North and East. In fact, outside of our Southern communion, and here and there an isolated minister or two, we have never seen communion universally favored. Granted that immersion is the original form of baptism and that baptism should precede the Lord's Supper, are we going to deny the essential Christian bond of love and service by other bodies? If we do, we evade the letter, though the spirit still be contrary to the teaching of Christ, and as long as I believe that the spirit is more important than the letter, important as the letter is, I shall take communion with others and invite others to take the communion with me. It is sometime and we are not responsible for those who come to the communion but we will not invite them, but that is not reasonable. On such terms, I

THEIR LIGHT AND CONSCIENCE.

Do not all other denominations hold this too? As we saw many other denominations believing in regenerate Church membership and yet inconsistently practicing infant baptism, so we see many of them holding this principle with regard to the Bible, showing the same inconsistency in Creed and Confession and Articles which practically limit the liberty in the interpretation of Scripture. We grant that a creed as a brief statement of scriptural truth is a great evil, making clear and definite what otherwise would be dim and undefined, but we deny that any man or body of men of the past were qualified by majority votes to decide for us of this century what is Christian belief or the right interpretation of all Bible passages. Because of this distinctive doctrine among us we have no liberty, no freedom due to church



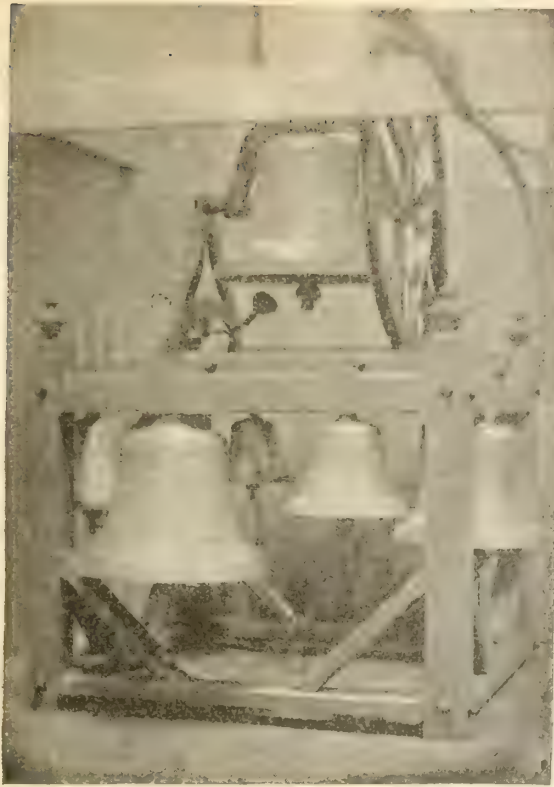
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of us would accept an invitation to dinner, on such terms, I would never commune with another church. Grant certain premises, and close communion is logical, but it is always unchristian and hence misrepresents. I believe that in some communities the invitation to the communion must be restricted for the sake of decency and order, but on no other ground would I ever place a barrier about the Lord's table. For I believe, as a Baptist, rather in the spirit than the letter, in reality rather than in theory.

IF I AM A BAPTIST, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD, THAT ALL MEN SHOULD BE GIVEN PERFECT LIBERTY TO INTERPRET IT ACCORDING TO

TRUTH, which threaten often to weaken and split our sister churches. Our position is one which, because of its flexibility, allows of growth and which is possessed by no other body, save the Congregationalist, who in all matters, save on the question of baptism, are identical with Baptists to-day.

Roger Williams was the founder of the great Baptist denomination in America, and of him the historian, Bancroft, says: "He was the first person in modern Christendom to assert the doctrine of liberty of conscience in religion." Two hundred and fifty years ago, Roger Williams and a few Baptists that were with him, founded the colony of Rhode Island, recognizing a government which made religion a



CHOIR OF TEN TENTS.

matter, not of state control, but of liberty of conscience.

We do not say that we have discovered all truth; we believe that many of our positions may be modified, as we have modified them in time past, when fresh light is thrown upon God's word. With John Smyth, that excellent Baptist, who died in Amsterdam in 1612, we say, "I profess I have changed and will change for the better."

Here again we stand at the opposite pole from the Roman Catholic. Asking a priest one day, what liberty he had in interpretation, he said, "Absolutely none." As Baptists, we are in cordial sympathy with the change in the statement of religious truth, that all are conscious of between now, and the Middle Ages, and with that change, which every intelligent man is conscious of as he grows from boyhood to manhood. Changes are inevitable with our intellectual and spiritual growth. In accordance with this principle, the younger men of the denomination, with hardly an exception, stand in united rank in the acceptance of modern theological views and see no inconsistency in remaining in the body with older men whose views are unchanged since the last generation. Neither one has the right to point the finger of scorn at the other. We need not believe always in one another's conclusions, but we do believe in one another's sincerity, and do accord to the other the perfect liberty which we claim for ourselves in interpreting the Bible in accordance with the dictates of our own conscience.

Baptists stand first and foremost for catholicity and for an emphasis of individualism such as is offered by no other communion. As to truths without the scripture, we welcome all which

science, that good hand-maiden of religion, can bring to us. Whatever will throw light on truth, we receive gladly, accepting the Bible as the supreme authority only in matters of the spiritual life. We go elsewhere for biology, geology and astronomy and reverently turn the pages of these books for further



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THE LATE A. BAPTIST BELIEVED I BELIEVE IN THAT CHURCH AS WELL AS IN STATE, A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE IS THE ONLY WAY TO THE GOVERNMENT. It is, however, the only government that will make an American make a Baptist. The authorities of the Baptist Church, not speaking doctrinally, but the central and Baptist Church government, the only form of power that may have been created in the world, and that I had concluded right in ten years before the American Revolution that it would be the best form of government for the American people. We do not say that we should not introduce features unknown to the early church. We are at liberty to change the pattern which they set us to the times in which we live and the conditions in which we live, and there be sufficient reason for so doing. To the central principle, however, of democratic government in the Church, we hold loyalty. In some of our churches a few men have changed the authority of the church to all, and in many others, church committees do not represent the church and the things to suit themselves without proper consultation of the people, and in others still, the interested people themselves vote on questions submitted to them like a flock of sheep. At the same time, with all its abuses, we stand for a popular government.

Our strength may be our weakness, and personally I believe our communion would be stronger if we suffered, such as a bishop, were among us, gathering his authority from an apostolic succession, which does not succeed, but from the voice of the people, placing him there because of his peacemakingness for the peace and for the peacemaking that make him necessary. The Baptists give their clergymen as men set apart to the ministry and in that sense, ordained. We give them authority and place, because only so can the work of God's Church be done decently and in order. They have authority, as much as Roman priest or Episcopal rector, but it is the authority with which the people voluntarily invest them, for the same reason that led them first to set them apart from their number. That same spirit of reality and liberty is seen in the government, as well as in the doctrine of Baptist churches. We are troubled with no such thing as the Bishop Philips Brooks happily said, "the fantastic absurdity of apostolic succession." Great privileges result from this. Unventurous and uncommittal, they can command no more. Unlike every other denomination except the Congregational, we have no pope, no state, legislative council, session, synod or assembly, no authority or delegate power. Strictly speaking, there is no Baptist Church, only Baptist churches. The individual church calls or dismisses a pastor, calls or dismisses, receives and dismisses members, considers and decides all matters of life and discipline.

CONCLUSION: Rapid in the Church is a body and growing in numbers.



CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION, ATLANTIC CITY, L. I.

If the present generation should not be long before we stand shoulder to shoulder with our Methodist brethren in point of numbers, I am glad I am a Baptist because I am an American. The principles that are dear to me in religious life are dear to me as a citizen, and I believe American soil is peculiarly adapted to the growth of Baptist principles. Striking hands most cordially with soldiers of other regiments, we still believe our work has just begun.

We are one in purpose with all other denominations, and bow with them to one Great Captain; we fight with them one great enemy; we march with them toward one common hope. In government, DEMOCRACY; in interpretation, LIBERTY; in Church membership, PURITY. Because we have been true to these three principles, we believe that other denominations have given them larger place than ever before. We are marching now nearer to the other regiments because they have come nearer to our position, and because we, holding fast to the truth, have in other things condescended to them. We look forward to a united body, not by each having his own way, but by all trying to have God's way. We could not have all the world Baptists; we would, however, utter that prayer of the Master when he said, "After me all men be one, as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

[The above was given as an address at the Y. M. C. A., Hartford, May 10, 1900. Other denominations and those who are present in these columns in the next few months—Ed.]

CHIMING BELLS.

From a purely mechanical point of view bells are an interesting product of human handiwork. When they were



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invented, and by whom, it is believed that no one claims to know. It is probable, however, that in some distant time, when men lived in a primitive way, preparing their food in big pots, swung above open camp fires, some one discovered the sonorous qualities possessed by hemispherical vessels, and that this led to the casting of the first bells, which retained much of the shape of the old cooking utensils. This form, however, long since gave place to the conical shape that is now generally employed.

The earliest bells were made of iron, and those of inferior quality that are manufactured at the present time are still cast from the same material. The best bells, however, are now composed of bell metal. This is made up of pure Lake Superior copper and the finest East Indian tin, combined in proportions that vary with all of the individual makers, each one of whom guards as the most precious of secrets the formula that governs the quantities of the various substances that are used in his furnaces.

The tone of a bell depends entirely upon its weight. A light one gives forth a shrill, high note, while a heavier one produces a deeper, lower sound. When a bell of 500 pounds is struck its pitch is very near C of the diatonic scale, while that of one of 1,000 pounds is close to A flat.

In casting chimes it is customary to manufacture bells as near the weight specified for the desired tones as possible. When taken from the molds, however, they are generally three to five per cent. heavier than it is designed they should be. Chipping and grinding are therefore resorted to as a means of reducing the size and securing the wished-for tone. The abrasion of the surface of a bell, however, injures its musical qualities, and in making an especially fine chime great care is exercised to have the bells come from the molds of exactly the weight to give the note which it is intended they should render.

Away up in the dark North End of Boston, in the centre of the city's most dismal district of poverty and crime, stands the Old North Church—the church from whose belfry gleamed the signal lanterns that started Paul Revere upon his famous midnight ride to arouse the sleeping farmers of Lexington and Concord.

The tower of this ancient edifice rises 175 feet from the ground, and to ascend its interior is by no means an easy task. Yet it must be undertaken and accomplished by every interested lover of bells, for when the climb is ended the toil is repaid by a sight of what, in the words of the inscription, is "the first ring of bells cast for ye British Empire in North America. Anno 1744."

It is a toilsome trip up many a crooked

stairway and steeply inclined ladder. The neck is constantly craned to escape contact with stray beams, and the faculties are busily employed to keep the head from bumping against protruding posts. But at last the top of the final stairway is reached, and all around are the big bronze bells.

The bells of the Old North Church that were silent witnesses of the placing of the lanterns for whose light Paul Revere watched so earnestly are eight in number, and on each is an inscription.

These bells are among the few in America that are arranged for ringing in the old fashioned English way as a peal. The difference between a chime and peal is not generally appreciated. Many people use the terms interchangeably, as though they were alike in meaning. A chime, however, is manipulated by a single person, while a peal requires the services of one man for each rope, and who for the time being represents a bell, and is called by the name of the note that it renders. In a chime the clapper is moved, not the bell; but in a peal the bell is turned completely upside down, thus throwing the resonant music far out into the air.

The last time that the melodious peal at the Old North Church was rung was in 1824, when Lafayette was welcomed to Boston. Since then the big bells have been silent because of the lack of men sufficiently skilled to properly ring them—for pealing is now almost a lost art in the United States.

Next to the oldest chime in the United States now hangs in Philadelphia. It is located in the belfry tower of Christ Church, at the corner of Second and Church streets, and for nearly a century and a half, with only a brief interruption at the time of the Revolutionary War, the bells have been used to welcome the birth of every Christmas Day.

In the olden time it was customary for the people of the city to gather on Second street, opposite the church on Christmas Eve and listen to the music of the bells. The throng was always a holiday assembly of motley character. Beggars in rags rubbed elbows against rich people dressed in purple and fine linen, and children of seven stood besides grandparents of seventy. Just before midnight the bell ringers always arrived, and following a custom that has been in vogue ever since the chime was erected, passed through the iron gateway and along the tomb-lined path entered and then climbed a narrow stairway to the tower above.

Just at midnight the bells always rang out a joyous Christmas song and the people were accustomed to greet it with loud "Hurrah!" Then a deep silence would fall upon the throng as they listened to the sweet-voiced choristers chiming through the night.

From eleven o'clock every New Year's Eve the chime rings a muffled farewell requiem to the dying year, and then from midnight until one o'clock it peals forth a joyful welcome to the new-born twelve months. This custom has been observed ever since the bells were first erected.

The sweetest-toned chime in the United States hangs in the spire of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, at Garden City, Long Island, and is known as the Centennial Chime. The edifice where it is located, although not of large size, is conceded to be the perfection of all that is best in church architecture and appointment. It was built by Mr. A. T. Stewart, and is at once his mausoleum and a monument to his generosity.

The chime was originally cast for and exhibited at the Centennial Exposition, where it hung in the main tower at the northwest angle of Machinery Hall. During the exhibition it was frequently played in concert with Gilmore's famous band, and its magnificent notes echoing and re-echoing along the shores of the Schuylkill caused many a lover of chime music to pause enraptured by the effect.

On the opening of the Centennial the bells were first rung at sunrise. Then at nine o'clock, when representatives of all the nations of the earth had gathered and President Grant had formally declared the exhibition open, the bells were the first to proclaim the tidings, joyfully ringing out the news to the world in clear and resonant tones.

The bells are thirteen in number, each one of them representing one of the original States of the Union. They weigh from 300 to 4,000 pounds, the total weight being over 21,000 pounds. They represent a complete musical octave and one-third with a flat seven and a sharp four, and possess remarkable clearness and richness of tone and great penetrating power and volume.

The bells are hung in heavy oak frames with the largest of them in the centre, so arranged that it can be rung separately as a church bell if it so desired.

The chime is played upon in much the same way that a gigantic organ might be, by means of two rows of levers and a row of pedals. These are connected to the bell hammers by steel wires and the manipulation of the whole chime is remarkably easy.

One of the finest chimes in the West hangs in the belfry of Trinity Cathedral, at Omaha, Neb. It is made up of ten excellently attuned bells, and is certainly worthy of at least a few words of brief commendatory mention.

In conclusion it may be said that at the present time a revival of interest in chime music is sweeping over the United States. Many new sets of bells are being erected and old sets that have been

unused for many years are being returned into service. The movement is certainly one to be commended, and it should be earnestly hoped that in the not distant future sweet-voiced chimes, with all their tender memories, will be as common to the towns and villages of this country, and eventually to its literature, as they now are to those of Merrie England.



WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

It is with extreme regret that we are obliged to accept the resignation of the superintendent of the Sunday-school, Mr. E. C. Barnes, who is going to Denver, where he has accepted a position. Mr. Barnes has been our superintendent for a year and a half, and the Sunday-school has grown wonderfully within that time. He has a head full of new and advanced ideas, with a very agreeable way of presenting them. Our Sunday-school raised \$200 under his direction this year towards the church debt. We have not as yet selected a successor as superintendent. Mr. Barnes was also treasurer of the church, another very important office. Mr. Charles A. Relyea has been chosen to succeed him as treasurer. Mr. Barnes was associated with Huntsinger's Business College and expects to take up the same line of work in Denver. He has the best wishes and respect of our entire church, and we all hope that the change will be to his advantage. In retiring he leaves a vacancy it will be almost impossible to fill.

The Church and Sunday-school will be closed through the month of August.

UNITY CHURCH.

On June 21 Mr. Waite preached in exchange with Rev. Bradley Gilman of Springfield.

On June 28, the closing service before vacation was held. Services will be resumed in September.

On the evening of June 24, at 7:30 o'clock, Miss Florence Moses and Frank M. Mather were married at the church by the Rev. Mr. Waite in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The altar was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, roses and daisies. The organist, D. F. Wentworth, played appropriate selections before the ceremony and the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, as the bridal party entered the church. Miss Bowles, of Springfield, was the maid of honor. Miss Ethel Fitch and Miss Marion Finner were bridesmaids. Walter W. Pratt was the best man and the ushers were William M. Maltbie, Eugene D. Field, Geo. K. Dwyer and Wilbur Searle. The bride's gown was white crepe de chine, trimmed with embroidered chiffon and applique,

over taffeta. After the ceremony a reception was held at 56 Dorchfield avenue. They received many beautiful gifts, including a painting by D. F. Wentworth, given in honor of their church service and another given by Mr. Smith's committee at the Fall of Record.

There has been reported of the death of a woman, called on June 11, of Mrs. Elizabeth T. Rogers, wife of Wm. M. Rogers, a member of this city. She was an earnest and efficient worker in Unity Church and Sunday-school from its reorganization in 1875, till she moved to California in 1897. A useful member of the Alliance, the secretary of the Unitarian Charitable Society and for many years very efficient in the sewing-circle and its various activities. In the Sunday-school she had a class for many years and also served as chorister. Her fondness for the work and natural gift for teaching made her very successful and she was greatly missed. In her California home she was equally active and interested in church work and her loss is greatly felt there as here.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

During July and August the regular Sunday evening service is combined with the young peoples' meeting and is held at 6:30.

Special meetings were held during the first week in July. These meetings were especially for the children and young people who are unable to attend other meetings through the year on account of school duties. A short talk, illustrated by several lantern slides, was given each evening by our pastor. These also attended have been much helped by the meetings.

On Sunday, July 13, Mr. H. H. Spooner, of the Connecticut Temperance Union, was with us. His talk was interesting to the children, as well as the older ones.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

At one of our Thursday evening meetings in June, Miss Virginia Dox gave a very interesting and instructive address upon her experiences among the Indians, having visited many tribes during her life.

Our service Sunday evening, July 5, was a patriotic one. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Rogers, of the Catholic Apostolic Church and Prof. Beardlee.

Our annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Breakneck, on the banks of the Farmington river, and was pronounced a success.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. S. F. Raymond gave a talk on City Missions the last Sunday evening in June.

The Ladies' Sewing Society is holding its regular meetings the third Tuesday in each month. They expect to finish a comfortable at the next meeting.

The Sunday-school is contributing toward the Fresh Air Fund for three Sundays, afterwards for Mrs. Lizzie Barrows Ussher for three months.

Mr. Alfred B. Fish and Mr. Clifford G. Wells, from California, are spending the month with friends. Mr. Fish has been away a year and a half and Mr. Wells nearly twelve years.

Miss Ethel Graham united with the church the last communion upon con-

fession of faith, and Miss Mary Gwynne united by letter from a Boston church.

The church was beautifully decorated with pond lilies and sweet peas on July 12.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

A lawn party, under the auspices of the Junior C. E. Society, was held on the evening of June 26, from 5 to 9. Quite a number of our people enjoyed the occasion and it was a success financially.

On Tuesday, June 30, the annual picnic of the Bible-school was held at White Oak. About 100 members attended and all had a delightful time.

Our pastor, Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., addressed the open-air meeting at Riverside Park, on July 5.

Thursday, July 9, one member was received into the church on Christian experience.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

At the monthly business meeting of the Epworth League, held on Monday evening, June 2, the following officers were elected for six months: Pres., F. W. Spellman; 1st vice-pres., Mr. O. G. Arnurius; 2d vice-pres., Mrs. G. B. Hyde; 3d vice-pres., Prof. B. S. Annis; 4th vice-pres., Mrs. W. F. Sheldon; sec'y, Emma L. Booth.

Children's Day was very appropriately observed at our church. In the morning a special sermon was preached by our pastor. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock a concert was given by the Sunday-school.

Prof. Gill, of State College, Pennsylvania, has been spending a few days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. S. Annis, on Bloomfield avenue.

The members of the Junior League held a picnic at Elizabeth Park on Tuesday, July 7.

Prof. B. S. Annis and family have gone to their summer home at Wells, Maine.

Our choir has disbanded for the months of July and August.

Sunday evening, July 12, we held the first vesper service, at which a large audience was present. These vesper services are to be held every Sunday evening during July and August.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The chapel has been thoroughly overhauled, the walls and ceilings painted and new carpets laid on the floors of the primary room, the library and ladies' parlor. The improvement is most marked, and even those who wanted matting laid are well satisfied with the change.

Two new members were received into the church this month.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

The mission wishes to thank all those who have helped in speaking, singing and vocal music the past month.

The Sunday night meeting has been discontinued during July and August.

The Ladies Aid Society held its annual picnic at the home of Mrs. Orgle, South Wethersfield, and all those who went report a fine time.

July 10, the Sunday-school held its annual picnic by going to Laurel Park on special car, where the day was spent

in games, bag race, potato race and out on the water.

We have had a number of new members come in this last month, and the attendance is good, considering the many away on their vacation and warm weather.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The rector and family are away on their vacation. During the month of July they will be at Newburyport, Mass.

The services will be conducted during the rector's absence by the following: July 5, Mr. Edmund J. Cleveland; July 12, Mr. Richard A. Edwards; July 19 and 26, Mr. Edmund J. Cleveland; August 2, Rev. Haynes L. Everest; August 9, Rev. Frederick E. Buck.

There will be no Sunday-school or Friday evening services during Rev. Mr. Harriman's absence.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Our Young Peoples Association celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization by a social and entertainment in the chapel of the church on the evening of June 19. There was a large attendance of the members of the association and officers of other young peoples' societies in the city.

Mr. A. D. Mac Kinnon presided and made an address of welcome. Addresses were also made by the Rev. H. M. Thompson, of the Memorial Baptist church, the Rev. James A. MacMillan, of the South Park Methodist church, Dr. Edwin H. Munger, president of the Christian Endeavor Union, and by the pastor of the church. Recitations were rendered during the evening by Miss Fanny White Strong, and there were songs by Mrs. Turner and Miss Anna Clark.

The history of the association was read by the secretary, Miss S. Isabel Eadie. At the conclusion of the formal exercises a social time was enjoyed in the parlors of the church. Altogether the celebration was a very enjoyable one and the Association is to be congratulated on its splendid record during the twenty-five years of its existence.

HISTORY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

At an informal meeting held in June, 1878, twenty-five years ago, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. George W. Shaw, Alexander Curry and a third party whose name could not be ascertained, were appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for a society to do church work in a united and systematic manner. This society thus formed, was to be known as the Young People's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Hartford, which name we still retain.

The first officers were: Pres., Geo. W. Shaw; vice-pres., Wm. F. Henney; sec'y, Robt. McKee; treas., Fred. Waite.

Unlike our present form of government, the association was at first under a board of managers, consisting of the pastor, the officers of the association, the chairman of each of the standing committees, with three ladies and three gentlemen appointed by the chair and approved by the association.

On looking over the original roll, seventy-eight names are found, and of these, very few are now connected with

the church, and none are now actively connected with the association.

At the beginning it seems to have been the aim to have everyone connected with the association at work, so nearly every name on the roll appeared on some of the various committees.

Since its organization, the association has had eleven presidents, fifteen vice-presidents, eleven secretaries and seventeen treasurers.

The minutes show that the constitution and by-laws have undergone changes and amendments several times and about a year ago an entirely new constitution and by-laws were adopted. There are but few who fully realize what the Y. P. A. has been to the church and pastor, spiritually and financially. At times, it seemed that when the church had no other way to turn for help, the Y. P. A. has been ready to assist it whatever way help was needed. When the church treasury has been a little short of funds, the Y. P. A. has been a friend indeed.

In 1886, the Y. P. A. assisted the trustees of the church in arranging for an anniversary to celebrate the twentieth year of Dr. Hodge's pastorate, and again, in 1891, his twenty-fifth year as pastor was celebrated.

In 1896 a reception was tendered our present pastor, Rev. W. W. Breckenridge.

In June, 1898, the twentieth anniversary of the association was celebrated. Prof. A. T. Perry made an address on "The Outlook of Young People's Societies in the Churches." Mr. F. H. Spencer, president of the Young People's Association of the First Baptist church, extended greetings and spoke of the social side of young people's work; the greeting of the Hartford churches were extended by Rev. W. W. Ranney, of the Park Church, and Mr. Nelson B. Bassett, president of the Hartford Endeavor Union, made a brief address.

The religious side of our work is in charge of a devotional committee, which selects topics and secures leaders and does everything in its power to make the Sunday evening meeting a success.

Several times the matter of changing our Y. P. A. to a society of Christian Endeavor has been suggested and discussed at length, but it has not seemed wise to do so, as it was thought that if we lived up to our present constitution, we would be doing the same work as the Endeavor societies.

The Y. P. A. has been the means of a great many pleasant occasions, not only in our church parlors, but in many of the homes of its members and elsewhere.

The entertainment committee has been one of very great importance, because from the work of this committee we derive our greatest revenue, and from this revenue we carry on the work. The first entertainment was given at the home of Elder Curry, now passed away. In the past twenty-five years this committee has received into its treasury in the neighborhood of \$1,800. These money-making schemes have been very numerous and entertaining, but it does not follow that all these entertainments and socials have been for the purpose of making money, for such is not the case, many having been given for the sociability derived. The entertainments have consisted of tableaux and dramas of various kinds, lectures, box socials, phonograph, cobweb parties, sleight-of-hand perform-

ances, Roger's statuary, suppers, ice cream and strawberry socials, as well as many literary and musical entertainments.

For the past three years, the pastor of the church, assisted by the officers and members, were engaged in raising the church debt. This work was completed last fall, and in it the association was glad to have a part, contributing \$100.

In looking back over the past twenty-five years, one can see where at many times the association has been really the mainstay of the church; then, again, we can see many ways in which more good could have been done. It has had many hard workers among its members and several of these have been taken away while in the midst of their work here below, to receive their reward above. Others have been called out of town, and so had to sever connection with us. In many cases it has seemed that we could not get along without these friends, yet some one has always been found who was ready to step in to fill the vacant place and carry on the work. At present the association is in a fairly prosperous condition, having on our roll sixty-four active members and a balance on the right side in the treasury. And now, as the association is entering upon a new year, we hope that the members may be spurred on to the work that is opening up to them every day in the church, and that they may feel a strong individual responsibility to do the duties which come before them. Every member has his own particular part to perform; we are only asked to do the best we can, and when we do that, we can safely believe we are trying to live up to our motto, "In Christ's Footsteps."

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

During the months of July and August, the regular Sunday evening service and the Epworth League prayer-meeting are consolidated into a "Twilight Service," from 6:30 to 7:30.

On the evening of June 24, the Whatsoever Circle of Kings Daughters held its quarterly missionary meeting in the chapel, at which a very interesting address on "Deaconess Work" was given by Miss Genevieve L. Hertzler, a student at the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, at Washington, D. C.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school was held at Laurel Park, Tuesday, July 7. There was a very good gathering of children and a number of older people went. All report a very fine time.

The national convention of the Young Peoples' Christian Union was held at Akron, Ohio, July 8-15, to which the Hartford union sent two delegates.

The meetings of the Young Peoples' Guild were discontinued the last Sunday in June, until the first Sunday in September.

The services of the church were concluded Sunday, July 12, as were also the sessions of the Sunday-school until September 6.

Dr. Adams will spend August at Gloucester, Mass.

Sundays, July 19 and 26, he will preach at Lynn, Mass., where he was in charge at one time.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

Saturday, June 13, our Sunday-school had a most delightful picnic at White Oak Grove. The day was perfectly clear as it was not so early in the morning, many did not attend. There was a hot and a half bill. The lunch was served at a common table. Boating, dancing, tramping, the amusements and the berry-picking, were each enjoyed in turn. Mr. Beadle, our superintendent, took a small photograph as we left the grove.

Sunday, June 14, was observed as Children's Day in our church, when Mr. Ramsey preached a sermon especially to the children. The text was, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." To illustrate the light which Christ brought into the world, he brought out a set of small candles, struck a match, lighted one, and with that lighted the others and with the others lighted still others, to show how we can bring that light of Christ to other lives. It was a very impressive and beautiful service. The Sunday-school sat in the front of the church.

Six young people united with the church, and two children were baptized.

Sunday, July 12, will be the last church services for the summer, at which Mr. Ramsey will preach. There are no services through August.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Laurel Park, Thursday, July 9. The day was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The children were well taken care of and entertained.

The chorus of the church have a vacation during the month of July. The quartette will have August as their resting time. The full choir will resume its duties the first Sunday in September.

The quarterly paper, "The Parish of the Good Shepherd," has been issued lately. This is the last number for the year and contains reports of the different societies for the past season. There has been a healthy increase in all the lines of parish work, and the prospect is good for an active and prosperous season for the coming year.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The Rev. J. A. Biddle, of New Haven, who supplied with so much satisfaction during June, will continue through July, except the first Sunday, when the Rev. E. H. Mariett, also of New Haven, preached in the morning and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Sunday afternoon, July 5, at 4 o'clock, the closing Sunday-school service for the summer was held, when a class of nine little girls, Miss Richard's class, graduated from the primary department, and were advanced to the higher grade. The Rev. Mr. Barton, formerly superintendent of the school, officiated, examining the class and presenting each member with a diploma. Rev. Mr. Mariett assisted in the service and addressed the school. This service closed the Sunday-school until the first Sunday in September.

The Sunday evening service will be discontinued also during July and August, but the regular twice Sunday morning service will be held.

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THE POPE.

The Pope at this writing has survived the date anticipated by himself as that of his death. Remarkable vitality and rare medical and surgical skill have kept the aged and distinguished patient alive, but his end apparently cannot be long deferred.

It is a pleasing sign of the times that Protestant can join with Catholic in real and sympathetic concern for one whose claim as God's Vice Regent on Earth would naturally keep them apart, in more or less antagonism, but whose humanity and rare personal qualities, inspire with mutual admiration and sympathy.

The career of the Pope cannot be even touched on in our limited space, and it can hardly be properly estimated at the present day. It remains for the future to show whether the Roman Catholics have increased in real strength during the present pontificate. Certainly in our own country they have made great progress; in several other countries they have undoubtedly lost ground. There is probably a liberalizing tendency throughout the religious world which will probably have a

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weakening effect on every Christian body, the Roman Catholic not excepted. And this tendency would naturally tend to weaken the influence and authority of the papacy.

The Pope dies, as he has lived, with no material recognition of his claims to temporal power, and no better prospects of such recognition for his successor. But this may be the good fortune rather than the ill fortune of the papacy, since political intrigue, such as past history has shown the papacy to have taken such a leading and often discreditable part in, does by no means add to the spiritual power and influence of the Roman See.

Probably no country was dearer, or a source of greater pride to the Pope, than our own. Here he witnessed the growth in numbers, wealth and influence of his followers on a scale unparalleled elsewhere. Here he finds while on his death-bed a sympathy almost universal, by no means confined to those of his own household of faith.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The institutional building about to be built on Village street by the Missionary Society will be a model of its kind and fully equipped for the best work in its field. The new building is necessitated by the fact that the new bridge plans require the removal of the old Morgan street chapel, but the enforced change of location will doubtless prove of advantage, as the new location is well in the midst of a very thickly settled district.

The various activities of the Morgan street mission will be well provided for in the new building, and the opportunity for more extensive operations will be taken advantage of.

The Italian Congregational church will have its meeting place in the chapel of the new building, which will have a seating capacity of about 500. This congregation is a growing one, and has recently installed a pastor, Rev. Pasquale R. De Carlo.

The City Missionary Society was organized in 1851, and incorporated in 1859. Father Hawley was its city missionary for many years. The present officers are: Pres., Chas. E. Thompson; vice-pres., Chas. H. Prentice; sec'y, Olin H. Clark; treas., Geo. F. Hills. The committee on erection of the new building is Chas. E. Thompson, Rev. Wm. De Loss Love, Chas. H. Prentice, Olcott B. Colton and John T. Robinson. The society's missionaries are Henry J. Gillette and Miss Caroline E. Bartlett.

Miss Ellen Stone has made a request to the Secretary of State that he secure damages from the Turkish government as indemnity for the capture and detention of herself and her companion. Miss Stone makes no specific demand, but it was at one time said that the United States would demand an indemnity of \$66,000. It has been said lately that the payment of the ransom would encourage further outrages of a similar nature, but it is believed by persons familiar with the Turkish government, that if the United States were to compel the payment of a liberal indemnity, such would not be the case. The claim is

put forth by Turkey that Miss Stone had been warned not to travel in the section where she was captured without an escort, but it is claimed that Great Britain, the rights of whose citizens are respected to a greater extent than those of any other nation, never accepts an excuse, but invariably demands "good measure and running over," whenever the rights of a British citizen are violated.

At Silver Bay, on Lake George, July 22-31, 1903, will be held the second summer conference for leaders of missionary work in Sunday schools and young peoples' societies. At these conferences vacation facilities are combined with training for more effective missionary work in young peoples' societies and Sunday schools. Young peoples' secretaries and other official representatives of Mission Boards are expected to be present, and an invitation is also extended to leaders in local Sunday school and young peoples' organizations. The forenoons will be devoted to devotional bible study, and to a consideration of methods of deepening missionary consecration among young people. The afternoons are given entirely to recreation. Among the speakers who are expected to be present for part of all of the conference are: Mr. Robert E. Speer, Chancellor Wm. F. McDowell, D.D., Messrs. John Willis Baer, S. H. Hadley, Harlan P. Beach, Luther D. Wishard, S. Earl Taylor, Harry Wade Hicks, Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., Rev. A. W. Halsey, D.D., President John F. Goucher D.D., Rev. A. L. Phillips, D.D., Prof. T. H. P. Sailer Rev. A. DeW. Mason, Rev. Wm. M. Bell, D.D. Reduced railroad and steamer rates and other favorable conditions make it possible to offer the benefits of this conference for a little more than half of the ordinary expense of such a trip.

Rev. Henry H. Kelsey has become so much a part of Hartford, and his various activities have so closely identified him with our religious and civil life here, that the veto was naturally expected on the proposition to take him off to a new field. We are sorry for the college which wanted him, but our own emotions would have been not so kindly, perhaps, if it had taken Pastor Kelsey away.

The proposition of the Christian Endeavorers for an affiliation with other similar bodies was given in a kindly spirit and will be so received generally, but in some quarters it has had a rebuff rather uncalled for. To term it a Congregational society is certainly a misnomer, since its activities can and do find a place in other evangelical bodies as well.

Its offspring may deny their mother, but it is probably a fact that the lusty Baptist Young People's Union and the Epworth League (Methodist) and

others, would not to-day be in existence but for the inspiration of the Christian Endeavorers.

The Courant Fresh Air Fund again this season gives a splendid opportunity for practical charity. These outings are the events of the year to many a tired mother and to many a child whose common playground is the street.

The Epworth League convention at Detroit is an affair of the first magnitude, bringing together as it does a body of over 20,000 young people and many of the best speakers and workers of the land. Hartford is, as usual, well represented.

Hartford is to have the honor of entertaining the Universalist young people next year, as it has been decided to hold their annual convention here. Well, they will find this "no mean city," and we will probably find them the most agreeable of guests.

The Church Review would suggest well in advance, that it will be a graceful act for those not of the Universalist faith, to open their homes to the visiting delegates.

Who was the speaker at the C. E. Convention who "brought down the house" so effectually? Was he from Kansas, with a cyclone up his sleeve, from Boston, with a "northeaster" in his grip, or some picturesque character from the East with a typhoon in his turban? The moderator must put a force limit as well as a time limit on the convention speakers hereafter. Seriously, though, it was remarkably providential that many people were not seriously or fatally injured by the fall of the immense convention tent.

Summary of Dr. Clark's Address at the International Christian Endeavor Convention at Denver, July 9, 1903.

"A Definite Increase Campaign to Double the Number and Efficiency of Christian Endeavor Societies in a Single Decade," was the theme of Dr. Clark's address at the twenty-first International Convention of Christian Endeavor at Denver. He based his address on the fundamental idea that Christianity is a religion of expansive forces, that "you can no more confine the religion of Christ to its old limits than you can grow an oak in a flower-pot," and that "to cease to grow is to begin to die."

The marked growth of the Society during the past year in this country, and its larger expansion than ever before throughout all the world, made such an increase seem not only possible, but well-nigh certain within the next decade.

Along two great lines he urged this increase; first, an enlargement of the membership of the local societies. He deprecated the idea, which some had obtained, that a society of Christian Endeavor is simply a little coterie of like-minded young people who could edify one another in the prayer meeting. The fundamental idea of the Society is service, and service for every one. The youngest, the weakest, the most ignorant as well as the best educated and most gifted among the young people, can be trained to serve God and their day and generation.

A true society of Christian Endeavor

should reach every young person in the community either through its active membership or its associate membership. To this end he urged a special effort to enlist more *Active* members, the *working force* of the Society; to obtain more Associate members also, those who may afterwards be won for Christ and the church, this being the evangelistic end of the Society; and to enlarge the honorary membership for the sake of promoting sympathetic relations between the older members of the church and the young people.

This part of his appeal was happily emphasized by the fact that during the past year thousands of societies have enlarged their ranks, some of them gaining more than a hundred per cent.

Even more emphasis was laid in the address upon enlarging the number of local societies, and in this direction Providence has pointed the way during the past year, for nearly 2,000 new societies have been formed within six months. "The ten per cent. increase campaign of the last eight months has been so unexpectedly successful that only the wilfully blind can fail to see the guide-boards of the future. Look at the splendid records of Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma," he said. "I should have to call the roster of all the states to exhaust the good work of the past year. Lift up your eyes and look upon the white harvest-fields in all the world. India has enlarged her Christian Endeavor boundaries. China with her new secretary is at the beginning of a new year of great expansion. Japan has gained thirty per cent., and just enjoyed the best convention in her history. Great Britain has made steady progress. Germany has made substantial gain. France and Spain have had the best year in all their Christian Endeavor history, while since our last convention, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, Finland and Iceland have fairly entered the ranks of Christian Endeavor."

But this not all. Christian Endeavor has appeared in many unexpected places on the sea and in the camp, in the prison, in the life-saving station and the fire brigades, in a post-office in Japan, in department stores, in schoolhouse districts and neighborhood gatherings. All these different lines of effort which Providence has so plainly marked out as legitimate and most useful lines for the Christian Endeavor Society show how its principles may be extended and the societies expanded.

The boys and girls should receive special attention. The Junior societies alone within a year may be doubled, and there is now a Correspondence School for Christian workers, which will train superintendents to this most important work.

As a definite proposition to ensure this increase, Dr. Clark proposed that *every State strive to gain at least ten per cent. annually for the next ten years, thus entering into a ten years' extension campaign.* As each State secures its ten per cent. increase, a beautiful foreign banner from some distant land, representing the fellowship of the movement, will be presented to the State, and as for each new State that is admitted to the Union a new star is added to our national flag, so for each ten per cent. of gain another star will be added to this foreign banner until the ten show that the hundred per cent. has been gained.

An Increase Campaign book will also be opened at the headquarters of the United Society, in which a page each year will be devoted to each State, telling the story of its growth in every line of its endeavor. "This will be a permanent record of interest, and of increasing and finally inestimable value, for it will be a book of the Acts of the Young Apostles of the Twentieth Century."

"Think of the glorious results of a hundred per cent. increase in a single decade! Twice as many societies laboring for Christ and the church, twice as many young men and women and boys and girls actually at work for Him, twice as many as associate members tending toward the Kingdom, won each year for Christ. Twice as many interested in missions, and twice as many giving to missions. Twice as many who find strength in the Quiet Hour, and twice as many enlisted for Good Citizenship and Civic Righteousness. Can you measure the far-reaching, incalculable benefit of such an effort? It would influence and bless the churches of Christ for all time, and its results will stretch forward into all eternity."

Dr. Clark proposed for a campaign motto the words "Fidelity and Friendship," and strongly urged his hearers always to remember that this Increase Campaign is not chiefly for the advance and glory of Christian Endeavor, but always and ever for the glory and advance of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. "These efforts," he said, "will, I believe, result in a vast increase of the spiritual forces of the Kingdom of Heaven. * * * Let us, always, then, keep this in mind in our idea of expansion, that it means upward growth as well as outward, more of those who practise the presence of God, more of those who work well because they have prayed well."



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His seven teachers devote their entire time to instructing the pupils and he has no visiting teachers, as they are commonly known, who only come in from time to time and thus are unable to keep in touch with the work done. The pupils are carefully looked after, and the bi-weekly talks to the school on different topics have a potent moral influence in molding the character of the pupils. Huntsinger's is a working school, where every one is kept busy, and honest, painstaking work characterizes every department.

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ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our former pastor, Dr. James, was visiting us for a few days during the latter part of June. He was called upon by a large number of his former congregation, all being very glad to meet him again.

The Organ Committee has reported the \$5,000 for a new organ, almost all raised.

Our church is conducting a series of meetings at Riverside Park at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoons. It is a forward movement which every church-goer who attends will help to make progress.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Highland Lake, Winsted, last month. A large number in attendance had a thoroughly pleasant outing.

Mr. James McKeown, Jr., chairman of the missionary committee of our Young Peoples' Association is to be its delegate to the Young Peoples' and Missions' conference at Silver Bay, on Lake George, July 22-31.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday, June 14, was observed as Children's Day. The church was handsomely trimmed with flowers and bunting, it being Flag Day as well. There was a delightful concert by the children, Mr. George Young assisting with his violin, an address by the pastor, and a story given by the superintendent, Mrs. W. D. Gray. Two children were baptized and Bibles were awarded for regularity of attendance and to children who had been baptized and had attained the age of seven years. In spite of the heavy rain there was a large attendance.

Tuesday, June 30, occurred the annual picnic of the Sunday-school. This year it was held at Elizabeth Park, which was seen at its best, and made an ideal spot for a day's outing. A goodly company attended and all enjoyed themselves.

At the communion service, July 5, eight new members were received into the church. In the afternoon, at 5 o'clock a special praise service was held.

This church will keep its doors open all summer and the following will be the order of services for Sunday: 10:45 a. m., morning worship, with sermon; 12:10 p. m., Sunday-school; 7 p. m., Union C. E. and special meeting, with brief address by the pastor. All are welcome.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The Sunday-school picnic took place on July 13 notwithstanding the dubious prospect in the morning. One little boy on rising and finding it raining dropped at once on his knees and asked God to give them a pleasant day, and then insisted on his mother's going on with her preparations, for he was sure it would stop, and it did. God honors faith in little boys as well as big ones.

Our pastor's wife had the misfortune to sprain her ankle, and although doing well at present, is unable to meet with us. All hope for her speedy recovery, as she is quite a useful factor in the work of the church.

Three baptisms occurred among the young people during June.

The Sunday-school and Junior Endeavor Society have closed for the summer, but the other meetings continue through July. Rev. Mr. Maplesden will occupy the pulpit for the two Sundays in July, after the pastor leaves for his summer vacation.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Mr. Love, will leave for his vacation soon after Sunday, July 19, and his pulpit will be occupied by Dr. Burnham of St. Louis, July 26; Dr. Cooper, August 2, and Prof. M. W. Jacobus and Rev. Frank Shipman the remaining Sundays in August.

Mrs. Alice Brackett Bassett, one of the early members of this church, passed away recently. We mourn her loss, her example we will hope to profit by, and our sympathy is extended her sons by our entire company of worshippers

here. She made the world better by having lived in it.

Thomas Brown McClunie passed to his reward the past week, after an exceedingly painful illness.

"After life's fitful fever, he sleepeth well."

The weekly prayer meetings will be discontinued until further notice.

The Y. P. S. E. will continue the Sunday evening service until further notice.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST

Our choir is to give an entertainment on the evening of July 15, for the choir fund.

The Sunday-school children were nicely entertained on the lawn of Mrs. W. H. Condrey, Hartford avenue, on Saturday last. Ice cream was served and the pretty decoration of flags pleased all.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We recognize the mercy that has been extended to our Sunday-school this month. One of our dearest Sunday-school children, little Nina Berry, has been safely brought through a severe case of diphtheria, and our superintendent has resumed his duties again, after having been quarantined with a case of scarlet fever in his family.

One new member was received into church fellowship by letter July 5.

Our pastor exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Joshua Denton, of New Haven, Sunday, July 13.

The local branch of the Christian Burden Bearers held its annual meeting at the church Monday evening, July 6, and to our satisfaction our pastor consented to go as a delegate to the meeting of the society which is to be held in August, at Alton Bay, N. H.

OPEN HEARTH.

The summer season brings with it to the Open Hearth an increase of outside work, while the regular order of exercises is but little changed through the year. The morning prayer meetings, with a short address by Superintendent Miller at 9 o'clock, the evening meetings at 7:40 and the Women's Society, which meets every Friday afternoon; the Girls' Club, where numbers are found every afternoon and until 10 o'clock at night, make busy days for the superintendent and his helpers. On Sundays, in addition, Superintendent Miller leads Gospel Wagon services, assisted by another corps of workers. The boys' brass band is flourishing and under an efficient teacher, makes rapid progress. The Woman's Society, under lead of Superintendent Miller, gave a delightful excursion to Goodspeed's Landing on July 6, and the Fresh Air Fund of the Courant has provided for another on July 13, unless the rain should interfere. These excursions give great satisfaction to the tired mothers and enjoyment to the children, and together with the delightful gardens of the Open Hearth, give to those who participate pleasant recollections of the summer season. Lawn tennis and other games are also a source of pleasure to many, and show a desire on the part of Superintendent Miller and the Committee to help in a practical way those who have not the means or time to take vacations for a longer time to the country or seaside, but must work on in heat or cold. To help such a sea-

son of pleasant enjoyment is certainly an object to all, and our citizens generally feel that this, as part of the work of the Open Hearth, meets their desires and support. The number of men who come to the Open Hearth for work is quite large even at this season of the year, and to be able to give them a chance to earn their support while looking for work about the city, has led to a reform in the lives of many and given our city good citizens instead of idlers, as in too many other places.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The work on the new gymnasium has progressed very well and the temporary crowding of the departments of the Sunday-school incidental to the change has been comparatively slight.

The water of the much-used drinking fountain on the front wall of the chapel has of late been cooled by ice, because of the hot weather.

On Saturday, June 20, the annual picnic of the Chapel Sunday-school was held at White Oak Park. There was a very ample lunch and more than enough lemonade even for the large attendance, which included the boys of the Watkinson Farm School, as well as the scholars, with many of their parents, and almost all the teachers of the Sunday-school. The day was threatening, but the boats and swings and the merry-go-round were much enjoyed, and the rain did not begin to fall in earnest until the party was on the cars on the way home.

The evening school now holds two sessions a week, and includes a small class in arithmetic, geography and history, as well as the instruction in reading and writing English.

Mr. Phelps has recently moved from 232 Sigourney street to 120 Allen place.

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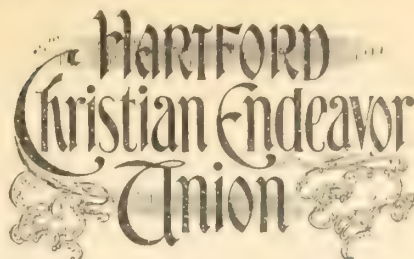
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HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The Union will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with a district meeting that is being planned by the State Union, Friday evening, October 23. It is hoped we may be privileged to have this important gathering at Center Church. It is planned to have three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening on the day mentioned.

We are promised Prof. Amos R. Wells, or the new secretary of the United Society Mr. Von Ogden Vogt. Endeavorers should bear this in mind.

Our summer gathering in Poquonock was inspiring and helpful. The entertaining society did themselves proud. We hope to be invited again.

The committee appointed to assist Mr. John W. Logan, of Meriden, in the preparation of the program for the session, consists of Mr. Albert H. Brooks, vice-president of the Southern section; Miss Bertha L. Bancroft, vice-president of the New Britain Union; Miss Grace D. Thayer, secretary of the Hartford Union and the president of the Hartford Union, Dr. E. H. Munger.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning July 19.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Religion between Sundays.—Acts II, 42-47.

The Sabbath day is the day specially set apart by God for religious worship and service, but it does not follow from that that it is the only day upon which we are to be religious. Every day of the week is the Lord's day, and there is no day upon which we are not to love and serve Him. These facts are recognized by all people, and yet when it comes to actual practice many seem to think that religion is only for the Sabbath, that it is to be put on and put off with clothes that are worn upon that day, and that between Sundays we can follow our own plans and devices.

But Sunday religion only is not the kind that is taught in the word of God. There it is plainly taught that we are to serve the Lord daily. The sacrifices of the Old Testament were offered daily, although they were doubled in number upon the Sabbath. Christ taught His disciples to pray daily for their daily bread, "Give us this day our daily bread." The Bereans "searched the Scriptures daily" and were commended for so doing. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so." And Luke, the sacred historian, gives us in the topical reference a beautiful description of the religious

faith and activity of the early Christians between Sundays.

In this description we can learn many things that should characterize our lives as Christians upon the days of the week:

1. Religious faith should be exercised between Sundays. "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." It is not only necessary to believe in God on the Sabbath when listening to His word in the sanctuary or reading it in the home, but also when amid the duties and cares of everyday life during the week. The test of faith comes often between Sundays than upon the Sabbath, and at such times it should be steadfast.

2. Religious fellowship should be exercised between Sundays. The early Christians continued steadfast in the apostles' fellowship as well as doctrine. They broke bread "from house to house." We should not only know each other upon the Sabbath day, but upon Monday or any other day of the week. It is a low standard of Christian fellowship that only recognizes a brother in Christ in the church upon the Sabbath day and refuses or neglects this recognition during the week.

3. Religious worship should be exercised between Sundays. The early Christians spent much time on week days in worshiping God. Praise and prayer were their daily devotions. "They continued daily with one accord in the temple and, breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God." God should be worshiped during the week. Praise and prayer should ascend to Him daily from the home, and if we cannot go every day to His temple we should at least set aside the time of the mid-week service held in almost every church for public worship.

4. Religious work should be exercised between Sundays. They assisted each other. "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." The community of goods proved impracticable, but the principle was sound. Christian people should be interested in each other's daily welfare and should lend a helping hand "to all men, as every man hath need." They also worked for the salvation of the souls of the unsaved. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," but this is always done as a result of Christian effort. We should have a daily interest in the salvation of the souls of men.

And what was the result of this carrying religion into the days of the week? (1) They had "favor with all the people!" A religion that is put on and off with the Sabbath has little favor among men, but a religion that manifests itself at all times, that is practical and helpful, that is visible daily in the home, in society and in the business pursuits of life will always find favor with men and influence them for good. (2) They found favor with God. God blessed them by

giving them souls for their hire. Finding favor with the people and having the daily blessing of God, it is little wonder that these early Christians "did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God." A religion that is consistent will always bring joy and gladness. Let us therefore serve the Lord at all times, and His favor and blessing will be constantly upon us.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. xxxiv, 1-8; Prov. viii, 27-31; Dan. vi, 10; Matt. vi, 11; Luke ix, 18-27; Acts vi, 1-7; xvii, 10-14; I Cor. xv, 58; Gal. vi, 1-10; Jas. ii, 14-26.

Topic For the Week Beginning July 26—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—A religious study of South America.—Luke ii, 25-32.

South America, the less important of the two continents of the western hemisphere, is triangular in shape and is over 4,700 miles long and 3,000 miles wide. Its area is 7,000,000 square miles, and it has a coast line of 18,000 miles. It is nearly twice as large as Europe and contains one-eighth of the land surface of the globe. It is divided into fourteen countries, Uruguay, the smallest, being twice the size of Ireland. The population is composed of a mixed people of Spanish, Portuguese, Indian and negro blood. It is remarkable for its lofty mountains and noble rivers. The Amazon is the greatest of rivers, and the Andes mountains, with peaks of extraordinary height, extend for 4,500 miles along the entire western coast. The continent possesses every variety of climate, varied and luxuriant vegetation and great mineral wealth.

Mission work is greatly needed in South America. The natives in the southern part form a fruitful field for missionary labors, and in the northern countries, such as Brazil and Chile, where the blight of Romanism has been felt for centuries, there is great need that the true Christ be preached, "a light to lighten the gentiles." Ignorance and superstition exist, the character of the people is fickle, and great opposition is manifested on the part of the Roman Catholic church to the propagation of evangelical Christian truth. Persecution at times has been very bitter, and as a result of it missionaries have even lost their lives. But South America is advancing. Its climate and industrial richness are more and more becoming recognized, and as the continent is populated with different classes of people the governments will become more stable and the opportunities for increased successful missionary work will be enlarged. And until such times prayer and patient toil must be exercised by all who are interested in winning this splendid continent for Christ.

The South American Missionary Society of London first established Protestant missions in South America. Captain Allen Gardner, the founder of the society, first visited the continent for the purpose of establishing a Christian mission in 1838. He desired to

work among the mountaineers of the north, but because of the opposition of the Roman Catholic priests he was compelled to go to the south. But his work was not very successful, and in 1850 he lost his life in fruitless attempts to establish a mission in Tierra del Fuego. Afterward the work was more successful, and missions were established on this island and among most of the countries of South America. In the last half century the Protestant churches of America have been engaged in mission work in the various parts of this vast continent. The work has been blessed of God, and in spite of the manifold difficulties in the way evangelical Christianity is making headway and will continue to do so under the blessing of God.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. ii, 8; cxxxv, 15-21; Isa. ix, 1, 2; xxxv, 1-7; xlii, 6, 7; lx, 1, 2, 3; Zech. ix, 10; Matt. xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 8; Rev. xxii, 17.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 2—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Lessons from Paul: How we may overcome our hindrances.—II Cor. xii, 7-10; x, 10.

Paul's life is well worth prayerful and thoughtful study on the part of all Christians, and especially so to young Christians, who need the inspiration of noble lives and the lessons that come from those who have had a broad and deep religious experience. Such a man was the great apostle of the gentiles. He was a great leader, well calculated to inspire the young with enthusiasm for noble deeds; but, more than that, he was a sincere, devout follower of the Master and had a Christian experience that for richness and depth has scarcely ever been equaled.

Paul particularly was not without hindrances in his life. As a missionary his way was beset with trials and difficulties. He was "in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren." Then, too, he had his personal deficiencies and afflictions. He himself tells us that it was said of him that his "bodily presence is weak and his speech contemptible." He had, too, what he called "a thorn in the flesh," some physical defect which some have supposed was some kind of weakness of the eyes. These deficiencies must have been serious afflictions to the great apostle, who must have desired to possess all advantages, physical, mental and moral, that he might the more powerfully preach the gospel of Christ.

In these hindrances and afflictions the great apostle was not unlike all disciples of Christ. All have their share of difficulties to overcome. We are not "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease." "Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward." Nor is the Christian exempt. Christ definitely declared, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Since hin-

drances and afflictions beset our way in the Christian life, how are we to overcome them? That they must be overcome goes without saying. It is to those that overcome that Christ offers the crown of eternal life.

Paul teaches us that prayer and faith are the means of overcoming our hindrances and afflictions. "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me." First of all Paul brought his affliction unto God in prayer, and God answered his prayer, although not in the way he desired. "And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul believed that and became resigned to the will of God and was so gloriously sustained by God's grace that he could say, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake, for when I am weak then am I strong." Realizing his own weakness, he trusted in God, and God became strength to him, and he thereby overcame. And God "is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble." Therefore in prayer and in faith we should come to Him, and His grace will be sufficient for us, and by His strength we will be enabled to overcome.

BIBLE READINGS.

II Kings xix, 14-20, 37; Ps. xlvii, 1-3; cxxi, 1-8; Matt. xi, 28-30; Luke xii, 22-32; II Cor. xi, 24-33; Phil. iv, 4-7; Eph. vi, 10-18; II Tim. ii, 1-10; I Pet. v, 7.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 9—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Lessons from Paul: How we may get his passion for souls.—Rom. i, 1-17.

Few people have ever been truly converted but that they have had, to some extent at least, a desire for the conversion of others. No sooner had Andrew found Jesus as the Messiah than he sought his brother Peter and led him to Jesus, and this desire for the salvation of others has always been looked upon as one of the evidences of true conversion. But some men have been characterized by this desire far above others. The salvation of the souls of men has been a passion with them—it has been their meat and drink. Conspicuous among such stands the apostle Paul. He was all things to all men if thereby he might save some, and so great was his desire for the salvation of his countrymen, who were Israelites, that he declared that he could wish himself accursed from Christ for their sakes. In other words, he was filled with such a burning desire for their salvation that he would have sacrificed his own soul if thereby he could have saved theirs. Few indeed have been possessed with such a passion for souls, and we may well contemplate it in the great apostle, with the hope and prayer that to some extent at least his mantle may fall upon us and that we may be filled with a deeper desire than ever before for the salvation of the souls of men.

Paul's passion for souls is expressly set forth in his letter to the Romans: "I long to see you that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift." "Often times I purposed to come unto you * * * that I might have some fruit among you also as among other gentiles." And with these expressions of his desire there are also some explanations of it which may suggest to us how we may also become possessed of it.

1. Paul appreciated his own salvation. He delighted to call himself "Paul, a bond servant of Jesus Christ." No one more than he realized that salvation was of grace and that at the same time it was of inestimable value. Appreciating the great gift that God had bestowed upon him, he was anxious that it should be received by others. If we only appreciated our own salvation more we would be filled with a greater desire to see the souls of others saved.

2. Paul realized his indebtedness to the unsaved. "I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise; so as much as in me is I am ready to preach the gospel." The saved owe a debt to the unsaved. We have the gospel and can give it to them, and therefore we are under the obligation to do so. Christ has commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature. This debt should impress itself upon us and not be allowed to be lightly set aside. If we could only feel as the apostle felt when he said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," we would have a more burning desire to save the unsaved.

3. Paul had faith in the power of the gospel to save. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believeth." Paul earnestly believed in the power of the gospel to save. Do we? We profess to believe it, but do we practically believe it? If so would we not be more anxious and zealous for the salvation of the souls of men? The gospel can save. It is "the power of God unto salvation." Believing this let us seek more earnestly to apply the gospel as a saving power to those about us.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. lli. 7; Dan. xii. 3; Matt. x. 7, 8; xxviii. 19, 20; Luke xiv. 23; John i. 35-42; Rom. ix. 1-5; I Cor. ix. 16-23; I Tim. iv. 16; Jas. v. 20; Rev. xxii. 17.

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A Christian Endeavor Sign.

A little grocery store in the suburbs of Washington, D. C., has a sign which unwittingly advertises Christian Endeavor. It appears that in printing the word "Groceries" the first "e" was omitted and the mistake subsequently corrected by inserting this letter inside the "c." However this may be, the sign bears the C. E. monogram in its midst and looks like this:

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The workman lays down his labors. They may be seemingly unfinished, but God has another in reserve. His great training school never closes.

It is remarkable how quickly duty will change into desire when God's purposes are behind it. The secret of the success of the Christian Endeavor pledge finds emphasis here.—John R. Clements.

An Indorsement From Syria.

You will be glad to know that the brightest spot in Beirut spiritually is the Christian Endeavor society. The Syrian young men and young women who are connected with it have proved themselves capable of conducting it with dignity and spiritual simplicity and sincerity, and the work is spreading in Syria and Palestine. Rev. Henry H. Jessup, Beirut, Syria.

Carnegie's Temperance Lecture.

Andrew Carnegie, in sending a contribution to the National Temperance society, wrote, "The best temperance lecture I have delivered lately was my offer of 10 per cent premium on their wages to all the employees on my Scottish estates who will abstain from intoxicating liquors."

A Commendable Enterprise.

The People's Tavern company, an organization now being formed in Toronto, is applying for incorporation. The object of the company is to furnish places of temperate entertainment. The capital will be \$100,000.

THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

Lady Henry Somerset, Vice-President of W. C. T. U.

At the convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance union held at Geneva, Switzerland, Lady Henry Somerset was honored guest and delivered an address to the convention. The program was presided over by the Hon. J. H. M. N. Jones of Portland, the international vice-president.

Lady Henry, after having read a letter from the president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, stated that it would be a complete victory for the liquor traffic. The address she referred to Great Britain's invincible reputation for industry, said that modern governments were alike to the danger and referred to the fact that Russia, France and Sweden were strenuously fighting the evil.

Lady Henry also mentioned the "unparalleled efforts of the United States," and "powerful in its youth" to overcome the drunken trafficked into old countries enfeebled by time" and concluded with an appeal for the exaltation of the home, asserting that the work of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance union could best be summed up in the words of its great founder, the late Miss Frances Willard, "to make the world wider for women and more homelike for humanity."

The report of the secretary showed the membership of that organization to amount to 300,000.

Mrs. Stevens was re-elected vice-president at large. Mrs. Clara Parrish Wright of Paris, Ill., was elected superintendent of the young women's branch.

The next convention will probably be held in Boston.

FOR DRUNKARDS' WIVES.

Mrs. Nation Establishes Two Homes in Kansas.

Mrs. Nation's home for drunkards' wives in Topeka, Kan., has been open for several weeks, and the unique plans of its founder are being developed in most practical fashion.

With money she herself has earned on her lecture tours from Boston to San Francisco during the last year she has purchased two fine residences, one at Kansas City, Kan., the other in Topeka, which she proposes to transform into real homes for friendless drunkards' wives and children.

Each home is to be conducted under thoroughly responsible superintendence, one at Kansas City, already having been put under the management of the bureau of assistance, chairman of that city, while the home in Topeka will have the personal direction of Mrs. Nation and her loyal co-workers there.

When each home is properly and economically run, the superintendent of the bureau of assistance, chairman of that city, while the home in Topeka will have the personal direction of Mrs. Nation and her loyal co-workers there.

to form the bettered ones, are to have each his individual share in the housework and supplementary occupations congenial to their various tastes or skill.

The whole plan is in harmony with the best thought of social settlement workers. Mrs. Nation's greatest desire is to bring comfort to comfortless people and to put the sunshine of Christ's love into the lives darkened and shadowed by the saloon curse.

Possibly that, however, Mrs. Nation believes that such a movement extended throughout the country, with homes of this character in every large city, will be a tremendous object lesson to the American people.

THE FRENCH GREEN TERROR

Absinth Made In Wisconsin Used to an Alarming Extent.

Absinth, "the green terror of France," is now being produced in considerable quantities in this country and is being used to an alarming extent.

In some sections of Wisconsin the wormwood is being cultivated, and it is from this plant that oil is distilled for making absinth.

The Wisconsin growers of wormwood and distillers of the oil at first shipped nearly all their output to Europe, but now they find a good market for it in this country and at almost fabulous prices.

A person under the influences of the drug experiences the most pleasant dreams and imaginings; but, like all excesses, it kills gentle emotions, freezes kindness, rouses in man the spirit of the beast and accomplishes more vile deeds than are dreamed of. A large drink of absinth will produce insensibility, convulsions, dilated pupils, sluggish pulse and other serious effects. The after effect often including trembling hands, arms and legs, intense thirst, tingling in the ears, illusions of sight and hearing and other horrifying results.

So strong a hold has the use of absinth gained in France that the government has made repeated efforts to suppress its sale. Its use in America is increasing every day. The rank poison is kept by nearly every saloonist in every city and town.

Cold Water For the Poor.

The work of supplying cold drinking water to New York tenement dwellers will be extended by the Woman's Municipal League this year. Eight of these fountains were in operation all last summer. That they were appreciated was shown by the crowds of women and children who patiently awaited a chance to get the chilled water and take it to their stifling homes.

An Aggressive Summer Campaign.

The Antisaloon league is planning an aggressive campaign in Kansas City, Mo., this summer. The co-operation of the police is promised, and all still pictures, wine rooms and other violations of existing laws will be suppressed.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

God is the God of the beautiful. God is pleased infinitely above his creatures with whatever is beautiful.—Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

Divine Energy.

The Holy Spirit is but another name for the divine energy. It is described as sustaining the order of the universe.

Rev. D. A. Goodsell, Methodist, South Norwalk, Conn.

Salvation In God.

Our hopes and salvation are not at Washington, but in God, for it is not by might nor by power, but by thy spirit, saith the Lord.—Rev. R. I. Stinson, Methodist, Atlanta, Ga.

Love and Duty.

Duty can make life just and upright and strong, but in addition to all these love makes it holy and beautiful and most divinely attractive. Rev. William T. Manning, Episcopalian, New York.

Influence of Christianity.

Christianity is the great influence in making the world one. Its representatives are in every land; its missionaries are touching the nations at every point.—Rev. W. S. Gilbert, Presbyterian, Portland, Ore.

Divine Christ a Necessity.

A divine Christ is not only the gratuitous gift of the love of God. He is also the necessity of the human intellect and the dire necessity of the human heart.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Milburn, Congregationalist, Chicago.

The Five Talents.

In the New Testament parable it is the man with five talents who makes good use of them. The one talent man buries his talent in the ground. In actual life it is quite as often the one talent man who is the good economist.—Rev. J. W. Chadwick, Unitarian, Brooklyn.

Mercy and Forgiveness.

Mercy is even a stronger characteristic of God and man than forgiveness. Mercy seeks after the offending one before he is forgiven. Forgiveness is granted when asked for. Mercy is doing her gracious work before pardon is sought after.—Rev. Henry Gardner, Presbyterian, St. Louis.

The Conservative Spirit.

A conservative spirit is ever to be condemned, but there are a wise conservatism and a foolish conservatism. One would preserve things for their own intrinsic worth and consider the good of all, the other based on one's own feelings and likings and consequently selfish.—Bishop C. C. Grafton, Episcopalian, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Genius and Truth.

No man is wise enough to proclaim the exact truth of Christianity. In fact, it is not necessary to possess great mentality to be a Christian. It is not necessary to be a genius in paint or poetry. One need not be a Milton or a Homer to apprehend the wondrous truths of the Christian faith.—Rev. S. P. Cadman, Congregationalist.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The young men of the Christian Endeavor Society gave an ice cream sale for the purpose of furnishing the parish house. The sale was held on the lawn of the parsonage.

The vesper services are discontinued during the summer months, an evening prayer meeting being held Sunday at 6:30.

At one of the Sunday evening services, President Frank G. Woodworth, of Tallegda College, gave an address on "New and Encouraging Signs in Work for the Negro." The address was very interesting to all who heard it.

The regular church benevolences during the past year amounted to \$2,872.73.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Two new secretaries will begin their work at the Young Men's Christian Association this month. Mr. Le Roy S. Farnum comes to the Association from the Springfield Training School to take the position of assistant secretary. He enters upon his duties the 15th of July. Mr. Farnum is a young man who is attractive to young men and one who has been quite successful in religious work among young men. He has had a good business training before entering the school to prepare for his life work. Mr. Harry M. Gerry, formerly assistant secretary at Providence, R. I., enters upon his work as educational director the same date. Mr. Gerry is a young man who has had considerable experience in educational work and under his supervision the educational work of the Providence Y. M. C. A. has been largely developed.

The second annual boys' camp opened July 8, with a large attendance. The camp is under the supervision of Clarke E. Pomeroy, boys' department secretary, who is assisted by S. Wales Dixon, physical director, and Albert Goldsmith, assistant physical director. It was necessary to secure two additional tents accommodating four boys each, besides the three tents secured last season.

The building is undergoing the annual housecleaning and renovation preparatory to the winter work, which will open the 1st of September. The bowling alleys, bathing department, locker rooms, etc., have been overhauled, cleaned and repainted and 400 new steel lockers are being placed in position this month. Jewell Hall has been retinted and otherwise improved, this latter being done under the personal supervision of Mr. Charles A. Jewell.

Extensive plans are being formulated for next season's work, and will include a very thorough campaign in religious work. A strong corps of speakers has been secured for the men's meetings on Sunday, which will be held in the theatre. Careful plans are being formed for the increase of the Bible study work. The educational and social work will be pushed.

The first annual excursion under the auspices of the Reception Committee, held on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., was a financial and social success. The young men cleared over \$40.

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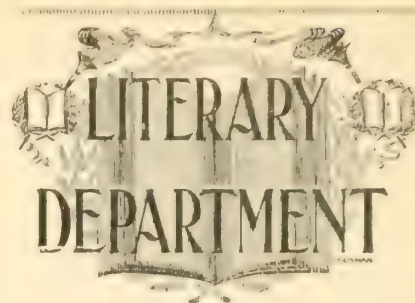
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The July Century is distinctively a "new number." Unfortunately it opens with a story unprofitable in point of literary merit of so high-class a publication. Following the story thus referred to, "The Sign of the Jurena," is a strong and vivid story by John Luther Lang, called "The Siren." One will enjoy also the story by Frederic C. Penfield, formerly of Hartford, called "Mahmond, Pasha of the D. P. W.," while "A Lost Story," by the late Frank Norris, is worthy high praise. In this number are also the opening chapters of a life of John Wesley, by Professor C. I. Winchester, of Wesleyan University.

Everybody's Magazine is making a reputation for striking colors. The birch-bark cover of the June number is followed by a brilliant Fourth of July cover of the July number. The bunch of fire-crackers looks natural enough to stir the warm blood of a patriot.

McClure's Magazine for July contains the closing chapters of the first half of the history of the Standard Oil Company. There is also some well-chosen fiction and a clever reverie recalling the "old swimming hole" of boyhood days. The number is excellently illustrated.

The author of the quaint and diverting "Real Diary of a Real Boy," Judge Henry A. Sharpe, has in the July number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly what is, designedly or not, the feature of the issue. It is called "Stories of Real Boys," and through it we learn more of "Plumpy," "Fatty," "Whacker," "Pinzy" and their mates. Everyone is advised to obtain this number and begin this most amusing chronicle.

The Main Chance. By Meredith Nicholson. 419 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

A romance of the early days of Omaha, Nebraska, into which are introduced many of the well known characters of the time and place, who had much to do in the making of Western history.

The Boston Trust Company finds it necessary to send to Omaha, which is called "Clarkson" in the story, John Saxton. There he becomes associated with William Porter of the Clarkson National Bank. Through him Saxton meets the heroine and falls in love. He finds that he has rivals both in love and in business. He finds friends as well and, in working out his career, interesting problems confront him demanding solution.

The characters introduced are strong

and picturesque, so well combined with an interest a thoroughly engaging one.

Collected in Deer. By Mr. William J. Page. 104 pages, 12 mo. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

The author of "Heart of the Pacific," "Home on the Range," "Western Ways," "Savage in the Wilderness," "Ways of Wood and Deer," and "Savage in the Woods," now writes of experiences with nature and things that are a part of deer.

The story of the book is more distinctive than any other in the list of his writings. It is interesting to a reader to follow the author's trail and see how he gets from the tracks of all kinds, which Mr. Copeland, the artist, has scattered along the margins of the book, as well as from the author's own narrative.

George Kane. By Thomas Nelson Page. 548 pages, 12 mo. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

The scene of this new novel by Mr. Page are laid in both Virginia and New York City in the period from the close of the war to the present times.

So fine is the sentiment that dominates this whole tale, so varied are the stirring scenes of its dramatic action, so virile and earnest the whole trend of the book, that one almost gratefully recognizes this as one of the best productions of Mr. Page's mind.

It is illustrated with care and artistic grace by George Wright.

Man Overboard! By F. Marion Crawford. 100 pages, 32 mo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price 50 cents.

A weird and curious ghost story, something quite different from the ordinary and one that keeps the reader puzzled for most of its length. For a short story it is really excellent and worthy of the writer.

This is one volume in a new series of "Little Novels by Favorite Authors," to which some well-known writers are contributing.

The volume at hand is daintily illustrated and contains a portrait and short biography of the author.

The Tu-Tze's Tower. By Louise Betts Edwards. 418 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: H. T. Coates & Co. Price \$1.50.

For its vivid local color, its thrilling incidents and its ingenious plot, it is altogether likely that the average reader will entertain a high opinion of this romance.

The discriminating, who read it as a novel, may be disappointed, for, while fairly recognizing the many good points of the story, its exaggerations are at times too obvious.

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The Song of the Cardinal. By Gene Stratton Porter. 163 pages, 8 mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

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The Mothers. By Edward F. Hayward. 27 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Richard G. Badger. Price 75 cents.

A sum of money was left by a Mr. Gussett in the beautiful old Massachusetts town of Northborough, to accumulate until it reached a fixed amount, when part of its income was to be awarded to the best mother in the town, once in three years.

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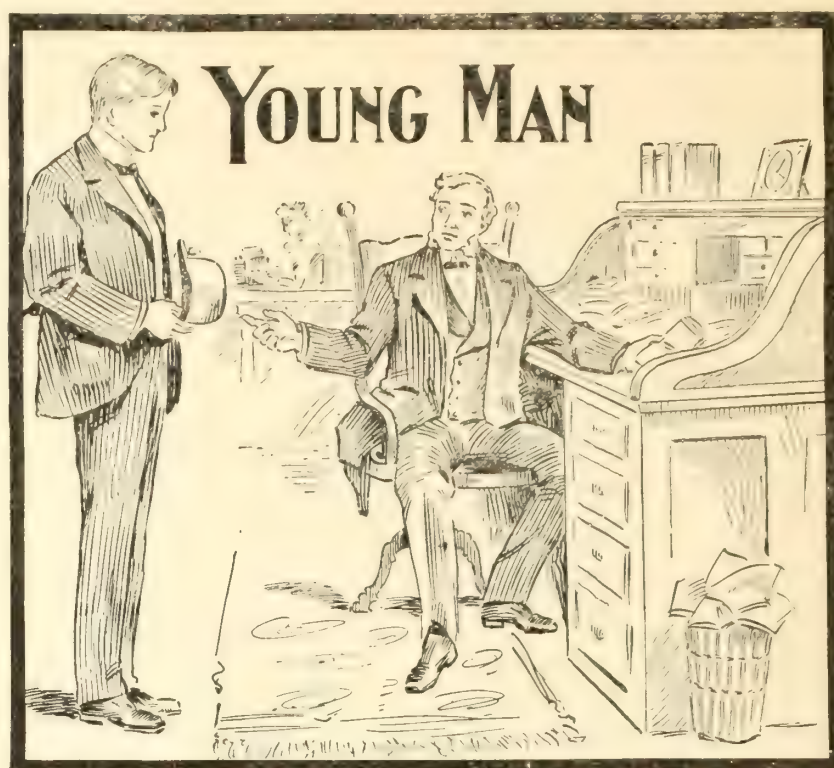
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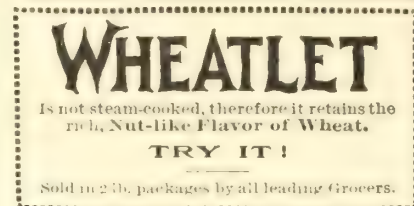
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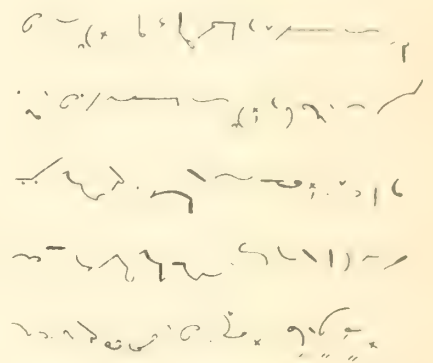


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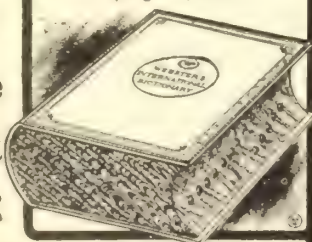
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Unanswered yet, the prayer your lips
have pleaded
In agony of heart these many years?
Does faith begin to fail, is hope declin-
ing,
And think you all in vain those falling
tears?
Say not the Father has not heard your
prayer,
You shall have your desire, some time,
somewhere!

Unanswered yet? Tho' when you first
presented
This one petition at the Father's throne,
It seemed you could not wait the time
of asking,
So anxious was your heart to have it
done:
If years have passed since then, do not
despair,
For God will answer you some time,
somewhere.

Unanswered yet? But you are not un-
heeded;
The promises of God *forever stand*;
To Him our days and years alike are
equal.
"Have faith in God!" It is your Lord's
command.
Hold on to Jacob's angel, and your
prayer
Shall bring a blessing down some time,
somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say un-
answered;
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly
done.
The work began when first your prayer
was uttered,
And God will finish what He has begun.
Keep incense burning at the shrine of
prayer,
And *glory* shall descend, some time,
somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be un-
answered;
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock.
 Amid the wildest storms she stands un-
daunted,

Nor quails before the loudest thunder
shock.
She knows *Our Father* has heard her
prayer,
And cries, "It shall be done, some time,
somewhere."

MORMONISM.

*An address delivered at the annual meet-
ing of the Congregational Home
Missionary Society, at Providence,
by Supt. J. D. Kingsbury.*

Joseph Smith was born in the little town of Sharon, Vt., in 1805. His mother was a believer in magic and Joseph was taught to believe that one day he should be a prophet of God. He grew up to be a man, tall, with light hair tinged with auburn, with a slanting forehead—a man who never quarreled, a man who in low jest had no peer. Taking his early instruction for the guide of life, he became a mystic. He spent much time in the woods, praying. He had a peep-stone in the shape of a human foot, which he placed in his hat, and bandaging his eyes he could see where there was lost treasure and guide people to find chests of gold. In this way he picked up many a penny, and learned the credulity of man.

When he was 15 years old he saw a vision. When he was 18 years old, the angel Maroni appeared to him and told him that the Bible of the Western Continent was hidden in the hill Comorah, New York, but he must not search for those golden plates, because he was not yet purified. But four years afterward, when he was pure, he was taught by the angel once more that he might find the golden plates. So he found them, in a stone chest, 7 by 9 inches, covered over with hieroglyphics in modern Egyptian, which the poor, illiterate man could not read. But there was a pair of magic spectacles in the same stone box, and when he placed the spectacles on his forehead he could translate the modern Egyptian into halting English.

Oliver Cowdrey was one of his early converts. Martin Harris was a man who had more money than wit, and he was persuaded to mortgage his farm

for the same purpose. The latter of the Western Continent. Joseph Smith translated the Bible, and Oliver Cowdrey wrote down the translation and Martin Harris, an old farmer, wrote the translation in his own hand. When the translation was finished, Harris was burned at the stake, because he believed it was a piece of nonsense, from head to tail. So the work had to be done all over. By and by Harris was put in the court for a division of her property, and separated from her husband forever.

We wonder sometimes in the reading of the Bible that would seem to have founded upon this Western Bible. It was a time of strange, wild religious excitement. After, when the world in commotion, began his lectures in 1827, and then the Mormon Church was only a year old. Before his day there had been strange, wild expectations about the appearing of a new people from heaven, and then and only to those rapturous expectations of the end of the world and the dawn of immortal glory. There never was a time when it was more likely to have been possible to have launched the Mormon faith upon the world.

The Mormon Church was organized in 1830, and Oliver Cowdrey preached the first sermon, and Joseph Smith and out of Newman Wright and gained another convert. Martin Harris and Joseph Smith had already, in the weeks, sent a young of John the Baptist, who told him that they should baptize each other by immersion, which they did.

New York was not favorable. Then came a man, a Kirkland, Ohio, called Rigdon, who was a man of letters and persuasive power and a great author. Somehow he came into acquaintance with Joseph Smith, and pretty soon there was a revelation that the Mormon Church should move to Kirkland, Ohio. Rigdon brought over the major part of his congregation, and thus was the start of the Mormon Church.

They were lacking in funds. Joseph Smith could not gain his charter from Ohio, and so he gained a charter from heaven. The Mormons have a book, and he called this country with the title, "The Book of Mormon." In the words of

the people have been harmonious.

Mr. Macbeth is chaplain of Eastern Star Lodge, F. and A. M., of Willimantic, Olive Branch Council, R. and S. M., Trinity Chapter, R. V. M., and St. John's Commandery, Knights Templars, and is associate grand chaplain of the Masone Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Mr. Macbeth is president of the Willimantic Golf Club, is married and has two daughters.

changed to its present name in honor of the Queen's visit, in 1899) presents a most charming aspect. The hill upon which the town is built slopes steeply to the shore, and the dwellings are spread over its side in rows of white villas, rising in successive terraces from the water's edge. The pretty groves and greenswards, and the noble hills, crowned with frowning fortifications, combined with the city to form a delightful pic-

ture. (Loyal, gentle, and brave, who from youth has attended to the Queen's cause, and the same time serving himself, the town of Queenstown is a most interesting place.)

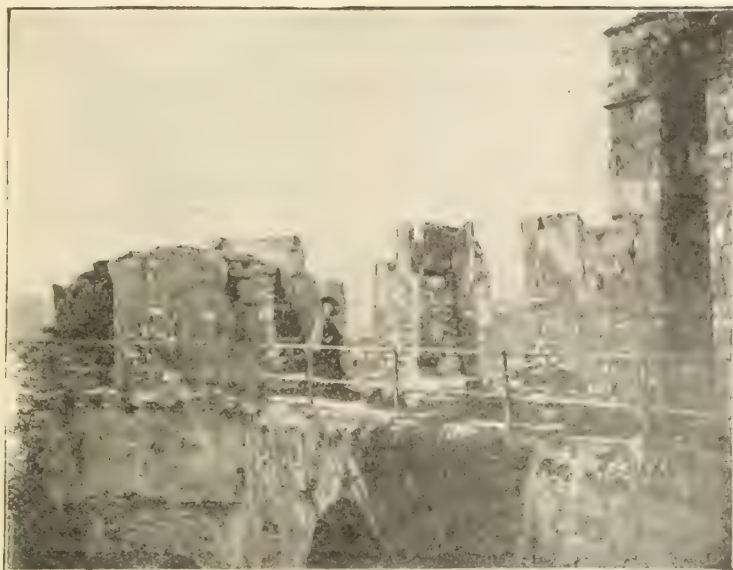
Queenstown, one of the best places in the universe, where if we wish to be devoted to a certain place, we can have for such every information as to the "Queen's" story, a lot, and more, for the town is a most interesting place, and there is

If this thriving city had nothing else to attract him, it would still be of interest to the American tourist, because it was here, under the eloquent preaching of the Rev. John Macbeth, that William Pitt secured the passage of Queenstown, secured in effecting a disorderly soldier from the meeting, adopted "Queen" and "Queen's" and perceived the influence of receiving his hat out of respect to him. His stanchness on the hat question gave him no end of trouble, as history says. But the city has other attractions, notably beautiful Queen Victoria Park, comprising one hundred and forty acres; Queen's College; Holy Trinity Church, founded by Father Macbeth, who was a great apostle of temperance; and, most interesting of all, St. Anne's Church, the temple of which is a cupola, after being built on three sides of freedom, and on the fourth side, of sedition, the church steeple seeming to advertise the Irishman's love of originality.

This church steeple is particularly interesting because it contains the famous chime of bells, "Those Shamrock Bells," of which the Rev. Francis Macbeth (Father Macbeth) says so much.

"With deep affection
And recollection,
I often think on
Those Shamrock bells,
Whose sound so wild would
In days of childhood
Fling round my cradle
Their magic spells."

"I have heard bells chiming
In many a place,
Tolling sunline in
Cathedral shrine;
While at a glib rate
Bells toques would
But all these rings
Strike against the heart."



TOE OF BLARNEY CASTLE.

CYCLE TOURING IN IRELAND.

Unfortunately for them, Ireland is ignored by most American travelers on the other side of the Atlantic. England, Scotland and the continent must be "done" at all events, and, if any time is left, Erin may be visited hastily, otherwise, in the ordinary course of travel, not at all. Why this should be it is difficult to answer, for Ireland is rich in all those possessions which are supposed to attract the traveler. She has cities, parks and monuments. Her mountains are rugged, and her valleys exceptionally fertile and beautiful. Her lakes are of surpassing loveliness, her ruins of more than ordinary interest. She has given the world her full share of poets, orators, warriors and statesmen, and more than her share of wit and humor. The people are genial, generous and hospitable; and another inducement of particular importance to the cyclist, is the fact that the Irish roads are good.

The attractions are sufficient to excite great expectation in the heart of the tourist, and, joined to other delights which come by the score as the journey progresses, are sure to leave him more than satisfied with the Ireland part of his trip, even though he continues his riding in Wales, England, Scotland and France.

The quickest way for the American tourist to get into these pleasures is by landing at Queenstown, which he may do, whether sailing from Boston, Philadelphia or New York. He will thus have an opportunity to see the famous bay, which is celebrated as one of the most extensive and commodious harbors in the United Kingdom, capable of sheltering, in comfort, the entire British Navy.

Approaching from the bay, Queenstown (formerly the "Cove of Cork," but

ture, and one which is doubly delightful after the dull monotony of sky and water of the voyage.

Queenstown may be a good outfitting place for fishermen and Jack Tars, but for "land lubbers," and lovers of the bicycle, particularly, it has little to commend it. The traveler does well after passing the Custom House through which wheels for individual use are admitted free—to proceed direct to Cork, where we will find plenty of shops at which he can get his wheel uncased and made ready for mounting, and also plenty of stores, and tailoring establishments where he may purchase needed articles, and provide himself with ex-



A TENANT'S HOME.



CORK TO BANTRY, IRELAND.

Appropriately enough the ashes of the poet rest in a family tomb, underneath the spire and chime which his verses have immortalized.

Outside of Cork, the first ride is almost sure to be to famous Blarney Castle. It is only five miles, but the magnificence of the residents to exact truthfulness in such matters, or else their inveterate fondness for jokes, is apt to make it more than double the distance if their directions are followed. Let it be a warning to the cyclist to consult his road map carefully and often, and if he asks guidance of one Irishman, let him ask of a dozen, one after another. Only an multitude of counselors is safety.

Scarcely a finer location for residence could be found than that occupied by this renowned old castle, which, though so long in ruins, is still princely in dimensions and imposing in appearance. Its walls, high, spacious and ivy-clad, are in remarkably good preservation, and its shadows fall across as rich and beautiful meadows as may be seen in a long journey. Quiet happiness, good-nature and contentment seem to belong in just such a valley, and here, too, they appear to remain. These would be disturbed by rude address and roughness of speech, so magic has been invoked to preserve them; and the talismanic Blarney stone (the chief attraction of the castle, apparently) is the result. Whoever touches this stone with his lips, in faith and at the risk of his neck, is endowed thenceforth with a glib and nimble tongue. "Sweet and persuasive speech" shall fail him never.

Nobody believes any of this nonsense, of course; but nearly everybody gives the thing a trial just the same, probably to demonstrate the original depravity and inconsistency of human nature.

Among several equally excellent excursions which may be made from Cork, perhaps, if his time is limited, the cyclist cannot choose a better one than that which may lead him southwestward to Bantry Bay, then north to Killarney, whence he may return to Cork, cross the island to Dublin, or pursue his journey northward. He cannot find in Ireland another journey of equal distance offering so much variety and beauty of scenery.

If this route is chosen, the first stopping-place of interest will be the quaint old market-town Macroom, mistakenly reputed to be the birthplace of William Penn, and possessing at the present time a square keep or castle said to have been built in the reign of King John by the Carew family, of famous name in the annals of Ireland. Macroom is a good

suggestion as to what the traveler is to expect in his Irish journeyings. Its streets are narrow, not fastidiously clean and at evening well stocked with dogs, cows, pigs and carts. The houses are low and long, and most of them neatly whitewashed, and their doors opening directly on the street. Many is the cordial smile and hearty "how d'ye do?" that the cyclist may expect, to say nothing of the stammering compliments which will be shouted out after him as he rolls along, for the Irish spirit is too spontaneous to stand long on formalities.

Beyond Macroom is the beautiful mountain lake, Gougane-Barra, source of the River Lee; and a little further on the Pass of Keimaneigh, justly famous, and claimed to be one of the grandest defiles in the island. But no man is familiar with the real charm and beauty of Irish scenery until he begins descending the mountains facing Bantry Bay, when his enthusiasm is sure to wax lively and clamor for utterance, for this magnificent body of water and its surroundings can scarcely be surpassed anywhere, either for natural beauty or practical advantage. The wild and rugged character of the mountains, combined with the broad expanse of water where a fleet would find ample room for its evolutions, forms a picture not soon to be forgotten.

From the town of Bantry the road follows around the bay, keeping close to its shore and affording excellent opportunity for the tourist to feast his eyes upon natural scenery of truly surpassing loveliness. He will find himself wishing more than once that the ride from Ban-

try to Glengariff were longer. But when he arrives at the last-named village he will be satisfied to stop through sheer fear that if he went further he would be disappointed. Glengariff (meaning "rough and gloomy") is felt instinctively to a kind of climax — "no more." It is fenced in on its land-side by rough and cragged mountains, and to seaward it faces Glengariff Harbor, with its winding shores and shimmering surface broken by many islands, whose fantastic shapes, reflected in the deep blue water, lend additional witchery to the scene. Still, it would be misleading to describe Glengariff as "rough and rugged" simply, for among the bold hills and huge rocks in the background are scores of crevices and glens which echo to purling streams and are filled with luxuriant vegetation, almost tropical in its verdure. Vines, yew, holly and arbutus and nourishment and spread themselves over the frowning rocks, and thus it comes that the bold and irregular outlines of the harbor are softened, beautified, and kept clad in a mantle of perpetual green.

Leaving Glengariff, the cyclist pushes his way up Esk Mountain, over a good road and by easy grades, obtaining splendid views of the country at every turn, until, five or six miles from where he started, a tunnel two hundred yards long pierces the top of the mountain and lets him through to the other side; and then his toil is repaid by having as many miles of down grade to cover. And he will be most generously compensated for another reason, for, when he emerges from the County Kerry end of the tunnel, a splendid panorama is spread out before his astonished gaze. The beautiful valley of the Sheen lies at his feet, and, looking beyond it, his eyes delight to rest on the summits of Maugen Mountain and the Paps and the ragged tops of Maegilheuddy Rocks, whose bold and broken forms, seen in a clear atmosphere, are altogether fascinating. The man who has plenty of time at his command and can choose his own stopping-places, will be glad to pause here a little for rest and visual intoxication.

Kenmare, the next stop, is a clean, substantial, pleasant town, with one broad street, dating from 1640 when it was founded by Sir William Petty, an ancestor of the Marquis of Lansdowne, the present landlord, and is a place much frequented for summer residence. Close by, for the tourist's inspection, if he chooses to visit them, are the ruins of one of Cromwell's forts, and some important "Druidical" remains. Kenmare



CHALK TOWER, AGHALIN, IRELAND.

River widens here into a bay of generous proportions, and fishing is said to be good.

But most travelers will be satisfied with a short stay in Kenmare, and will soon be ready to resume the journey over another range of mountains, and through Windy Gap to Killarney. As the descent from the Gap is reached, another magnificent view is obtained, embracing the Killarney Mountains, Gap of Dunloe, Purple Mountains and the Tomies; and part way down at an opportune turn of the road, near Looscanagh Lough, still another splendid scene is spread out, consisting of the famous Lakes of Killarney, with their richly wooded shores, and the Tore Mountains, standing immediately in front like towering sentinels.

Much has been said and written about these matchless lakes, three in number, known as the Upper, Middle and Lower, and embracing together some six thousand acres, but the truest word which can be put down here is the old one, "They beggar description." Their winding, deeply indented shores, clothed in rich and varied foliage, their glassy surfaces pierced by many islands, some large, some very small, their splendid background of rolling hills and towering mountains unite in making an impression upon the mind which will remain "while memory hath a place in this distracted globe."

The town of Killarney has not much to recommend it. For the most part its populace consists of boatmen, guides, wood-carvers and beggars, the latter being almost as plentiful, certainly as persistent, as in Italy, the land of mendicants. Natural beauty and fertility of the surrounding country attracted settlers in the early centuries, and Killarney is old—old almost to decrepitude. Like many another place on the other side it is dependent largely on visitors. Nature has done her part. The scenery is unsurpassed, but the town itself in apt to remind one of the fragrant isle sung of in missionary meetings, "Where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile."

In the neighborhood of this senile town are ruins among the most—if not the most—ancient and interesting in the country. Among them Aghadoe, and the ruined Abbey on Innisfallen Island may be mentioned. Of the former, the crumbling walls of a church and the broken remains of two strange-looking towers—structures seeming to date from the sixth or seventh century—are all that is left. The tower remnants stand some fifteen and thirty feet in height respectively, but what they once measured, as well as what use was made of them, are matters of conjecture.

The impressive ruins on Innisfallen Island—than which scarcely a more enchanting spot can be visited—are all that is left of a flourishing institution of which St. Finian is the reputed founder, about the year 600. The Abbey prospered until it became the envy of rapacious rulers, when it was plundered for its gold, and its monk-defenders slain for their zeal. No person lives on the island now. Happily it is left undisturbed in its possession of pious and tragic memories. As one stands by the ivy-grown ruins, or follows the board walk by the shore laid so many years ago, or lingers under the tree beneath whose roots St. Finian was laid to rest, it requires no great effort for him to see in imagination the little island restored to its former importance and repopled with

its pious inhabitants. He can almost see the students going soberly up and down, absorbed in meditation, or in fraternal kindness telling and correcting each the other's faults; the priestly processions about the grounds in morning and evening twilights; the grave monks seeking retired nooks for prayer, and returning to the chapel for praise. Truly there is that about "Sweet Innisfallen" which stimulates reverie. One forgets the noisy, bustling world from which he is separated, and, for the time he is there, lives in a delicious present—a present made more delightful by hallowed memories of the past.

Other points of interest near Killarney remain to be visited, many of them, and the traveler can spend a number of days in the locality with much pleasure and profit. Then he may resume his wheel and the highway, return to Cork, continue his way to the north, with Belfast as his objective point or cross the island to Dublin, the Liverpool of Ireland. In either case he will find very much to interest him and make the days pass rapidly, because filled with happy incidents and instructive observations.

He will see the competency of the Irish Royal Constabulary, the wisdom and thoroughness of its management, and have good reason to think it the finest and best police system in the world. He will form the opinion that the reason so many Irish beg are not all their own fault, but the inevitable result of the oppressive system under which they are compelled to live—an opinion to which he will probably adhere notwithstanding the haughty affirmation of the English that Americans can see only one side of life in Ireland. He will develop a large and tender spot in his heart for the people of Erin, for he will find them there, as he finds them here, large-hearted, jovial, good-natured in spite of circumstances, quick-witted, and always more ready for a laugh and a joke than a cry or quarrel.

Last and best of all, if he is judicious in his habits and moderate in his speed, making leisurely use of his leisure, the cyclist will return to the coast a healthier, stronger, happier and wiser man for his wheeling tour in the Isle of Emerald.

A GROWING CAUSE.

There are now five States in which a woman suffrage amendment has been twice submitted to the voters at intervals of some years. In every case the result has been more favorable the second time than the first.

It was submitted in Colorado in 1877 and defeated. It was submitted again in 1893 and carried.

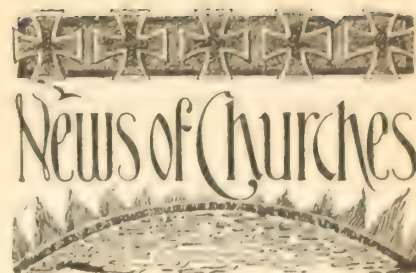
In Kansas, when submitted the first time, it received 9,100 votes. When submitted the second time, it received 95,302.

In the State of Washington, in 1889, the adverse majority was 19,386. In 1898, it dropped to 9,882.

In South Dakota, in 1890, woman suffrage was defeated by a majority of 23,610; in 1898, by a majority of only 3,285.

In Oregon, the vote on the suffrage amendment in 1884 stood 28,176 nays to 11,223 yeas. In 1900, it stood 28,298 nays to 26,265 yeas.

Steadily and surely the common sense of the world is coming around to the belief in equal rights for women.—*Progress*.



FIRST BAPTIST.

Our out of door meetings at Riverside Park are being attended by large audiences. The church appreciates Mr. Day's self-sacrificing efforts in making these meetings so successful. Already we are hearing of the good they are doing.

The Sunday-school picnic at Highland Lake was a grand success. The day was fine, and everything seemed to combine to make both young and old happy. The spot chosen was a delightful one.

Last Sunday the notice was given that \$5,000 had been raised for the new organ. A further amount will be needed to place the organ in position. But now we can sing the doxology.

The Rev. H. M. Thompson will occupy our pulpit Sunday, August 23.

Our pastor left for his vacation on August 17. During his absence the pulpit will be supplied by various ministers whose names will be announced shortly.

Several of our members have been at the Northfield Summer Conferences this year. Miss Mary Howard, Mr. Guy Beardsley and Miss Winnie Potter were among the number. In some respects the general conference of Christian workers is the best and many of our members planned to get to Northfield between July 31 and August 16, the dates of that conference.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Lord's Supper was observed on Sunday, June 28, instead of the first Sunday in July, on account of the pastor's absence. Two new members were received on confession of faith and one by letter.

A service in memory of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley was held in the chapel Sunday evening, June 28. The service which was of much interest and well attended, was under the leadership of the pastor, who spoke of "Wesley's Ancestry." The Rev. H. E. Hart made a few remarks on "His Sources of Spiritual Power," and the Rev. Joseph Hollingshead spoke concerning "Wesley's Influence."

A home missionary meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Elizur Keeney was held in the chapel, Tuesday afternoon,

June 30. The subject was "The Highlanders and the Indians."

On the first of July, our pastor and his family left home for a two months' vacation, which they will spend at their summer home at Princess Point, Maine.

During the pastor's absence the Thursday evening prayer meetings will have special reference to the Sunday-school lesson for the following Sunday, and the teachers' meeting will be merged in the prayer meeting.

At the Sunday morning services during the month of July, the pulpit has been occupied on successive Sundays by: The Rev. Mr. Higgins, Rev. Joseph Hollingshead, Rev. P. R. Day, Rev. Mr. Hawes and Prof. C. M. Geer.

On the first two Sundays in August we had the great pleasure of having with us one of our former pastors, Rev. Henry B. Roberts. His earnest and inspiring sermons were eagerly listened to by many of his old parishioners.

For at least two months our Christian Endeavor prayer meetings will be held at 7.30 o'clock and will be the only service on Sunday evening.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Dr. J. W. Cooper, recently of New Britain South Congregational church, preached here a few Sabbaths ago to a large audience.

Prof. M. W. Jacobus has occupied the pulpit the past two Sabbaths.

The sessions of the Endeavor Society have been discontinued for the month of August.

The Chinese Sunday-school will resume sessions the first Sabbath in September. As teachers are greatly needed, will not some of those who have quite a little spare time devote it to this worthy cause?

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Sunday-school enjoyed its annual picnic on July 4, in Goodwin Park.

The Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter preached to the edification of the congregation the first Sunday in July.

"Temperance" was the timely topic of a recent sermon by the Rev. D. N. Griffin.

Beatrice, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Burdette B. Brown, was buried on Saturday, August 8. A simple service was conducted at the home by the Rev. W. A. Richard of New Haven.

The Rev. Burdette B. Brown attended the International Epworth League Convention at Detroit as delegate from the New Haven District League. He was also present at the Missionary Conference held at Silver Bay, Lake George, the last of July.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The Rev. J. A. Macmillan and Mrs. Macmillan are spending their vacation in Fairview, N. H.

During Mr. Macmillan's absence the pulpit will be occupied as follows: August 9, Rev. H. E. Murkett; August 16, Rev. George Van Alstyne, D. D.; August 23, Rev. Joseph Hollingshead; August 30, Rev. H. E. Murkett. The prayer meeting, August 20, will be led by Edward K. Ives; August 27, James T. Magee.

During July and August, as customary, only one service is held Sunday evening. A "twilight" service with short sermon is held at 6:30.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The first Sunday in August our pastor exchanged with Rev. A. A. DeLaune, of Paterson, N. J.

During the past month one more of our young people, William O. Lucas, passed away, after a long illness. He bravely endured the many months of suffering, as a true soldier of Christ.

The work of lighting the church building by electricity has already been begun. An upper room is also being fitted up for the better accommodation of the primary department.

Our pastor is to take his vacation in September.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. W. H. Main, D. D., is spending the month of August at Thousand Island Park, New York, where he will preach and give an address. The pulpit is being supplied during the month as follows: August 2, Rev. T. G. Wright, of Hartford; August 9, Rev. Wm. West of Williamsport, Penn.; August 16, Rev. W. B. Matteson of Red Bank, New Jersey; August 23, Rev. A. S. Brown of Ilion, New York, formerly of Hartford.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The members of this church are mostly camp-meeting lovers, the result being the inevitable closing of the church for two Sundays in August, on account of the usual attendants, including the pastor, being at Springfield for the national camp-meeting, which has just closed its session.

The Sunday-school had its outing in July, spending the day at Laurel Park.

FIRST METHODIST.

Through July and August our Sunday evening preaching service will be omitted, the Epworth League service taking the place of the regular service.

Dr. McCormick and family are spending the month of August on the shore in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hipple have returned from a pleasant trip to their home in Canada.

Mr. J. W. Cary attended the Epworth League International Convention at Detroit, Mich., and reported a fine time.

Miss Nettie Baker, who has been the past year attending a school at Washington, D. C., for deaconess work, gave a very interesting talk a few evenings ago on the work of the school at our League meeting.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL

The Sunday-school gave \$11 for the Fresh Air Fund in Hartford.

A large number attended the annual Sunday-school picnic at Compounce, August 12.

Mrs. H. Macy and daughters are at the shore.

Deacon Levi Deming, of Middletown, is visiting friends in town. He expects to spend the rest of his life in Florida. For over eighty years he has attended Sunday-school.

Mrs. May Hine and family are spending the summer with her father, Mr. John S. Kirkham.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION

Considering the fact that there are a great many away on their vacations, the attendance is good. There were 86 present Sunday, August 16.

The new chairs have come and we wish all those who can would come and fill them.

The evening meetings will be resumed the first Sunday in September. Rev. H. S. Redfield, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will speak to us Sunday, September 13.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Our rector, Rev. Geo. T. Linsley, and Mrs. Linsley are enjoying a vacation at Woodstock, Conn., during the month of August.

The services of the church will be conducted by the Rev. F. R. Sanford, of New Haven, and Rev. M. H. Mill, of Canaan, Conn., during our rector's absence.

Our organist, Mr. A. M. Hollingshead, has charge of the musical part of the Center Church services for this month. He is assisted by Mrs. Paul Everett, soprano of our church quartet.

Mr. J. Barlow presides at the organ and directs the choir at our services for the month of August.

The choir is composed of members of the chorus, the quartet of the church

having a vacation until the first Sunday in September.

NORTH METHODIST.

The Sunday-school shows that the vacation period is at its height.

The Endeavor Society furnished the leader for the Suffield Street Baptist Chapel Friday evening last. Mr. Dexter was the leader.

The pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, is being entertained at Westbrook by Water Commissioner Wm. H. Watrous. Mrs. Howell and family are at Southold, L. I., where Mr. Howell will join them.

Superintendent Howard A. Camp is at Sachem's Head for a few weeks.

Annie R. Macdonnell is at Southold for the month of August.

The regular meetings will begin the first Sunday in September. The preaching service Sunday evening will be by the pastor.

The pulpit has been ably supplied by visiting ministers during August.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church has sent out invitations for a roll call to be held at the church Tuesday, September 1. A pleasant time is expected.

Rev. Mr. Connell is taking a much-needed rest, the pulpit being well supplied each Sabbath.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our annual Sunday-school picnic took place at Compounce Lake on July 30. One hundred and fifty of us enjoyed the day together.

Last Sabbath our pastor preached at the prison. He has been in Northfield for awhile and is now at Lowell visiting relatives.

Six of our Junior Endeavor boys are to unite with the church at the next communion.

Rev. Mr. Kidder, of Massachusetts, a friend of our pastor, preached for us last Sabbath.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor is away taking his annual vacation.

Sunday, August 2, the Methodists united with us, their pastor, Rev. Mr. Sheldon, preaching, the service being in our church.

August 9, Prof. Beardslee occupied the pulpit.

August 16, Rev. Mr. Hawes preached in behalf of the National Ministerial Aid Fund, of which he is secretary.

August 23, we unite with the Methodists in their church.

UNITY CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Waite, with his daughter and son, has been spending a few weeks at Sebago Lake, Maine. They returned home this week.

By the will of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Rogers, who died in Pasadena, California, on June 11, her husband has a life interest in her estate. After his death her property goes to several public institutions and about \$500 is left to the Hartford Unity Church Sunday-school, the income to be used for the Christmas entertainment. Thus she has showed her love for and interest in the church and Sunday-school, which she did so much for while she lived in Hartford.

Services will be resumed the middle of September.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The services in the chapel at the Open Hearth are well attended, the number present exceeding any previous year, while the reading room gives all an opportunity for a quiet evening with good reading matter on the tables and is much enjoyed.

The spacious grounds and gardens are a great source of delight to the older persons, while the younger find amusement in tennis and other games and in the sand yard within the grounds; the excursions down the river by kindness of those who contributed to the Courant Fresh Air Fund have also been enjoyed by those living in different localities in the city and in some of them the children and parents who attend the Open Hearth have participated.

The Miriam Society, composed of young ladies who have been organized at the Open Hearth for the last two years, gave an enjoyable excursion to Saybrook by the steamer Madeline in the latter part of July, which was fully appreciated and may be repeated during the season. The wood yard is doing a large business this season and is 'way ahead of all previous years and in fact the Open Hearth is doing its full part in helping men and women to lead good lives and in improving the condition of all who come within its influence.

Supt. Miller is at the office most of the time and is always ready to give advice and help to those who call upon him desiring to try to improve their condition, and his visits of sympathy to the sick and suffering are met by all with thanks and appreciation. Our citizens have only to call at the Open Hearth to see how much is being done which interests all who desire to relieve their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

A Hartford pastor called with Dr. Bliss on one of his rich parishoners to see if he would have a share in the new

Bible House at Constantinople. As they talked in the rich man's elegantly furnished parlor, the rich man said positively: "I can't give to this thing. I have too many calls in every direction. This cause doesn't appeal to me." Dr. Bliss looked up admiringly at the rich paintings on the wall, and said quietly, pointing to one of them: "That is a beautiful picture. I wish some of my people could see it. There was a poor woman in my field. She had been brought to Christ by the missionaries, and she wanted to have the knowledge of Christ extended to others. Her home was a little hut or hovel with the bare ground for a floor. She had no bed or furniture or furnishing of any sort. Her only cooking or table utensil was a brass dish or basin in which she cooked, and from which she ate and drank. She heard I was trying to get money to build a Bible House, and she longed to have a share in the undertaking. But that brass dish was her only possession. So she scoured that up clean and bright, and brought it to me, asking if the price wouldn't help me, as it was all she had. I took it and thanked her. I sold the dish for a trifle, and the proceeds are part of my building fund. I think a blessing came with it. And that's the sort of helpers that I have in my field." The rich man listened and looked. The tears stood in his eyes as the story struck home. He fumbled in his pocket, took out his pocketbook, and, taking a roll of bank notes he handed them to Mr. Bliss, saying: "There are a hundred dollars I want to give you. I wish it was more." That donation went into the building fund, but whether it is set down to the credit of the rich Christian in Hartford or to the credit of the poor Christian in Constantinople, the Lord knows.—Dr. Clay Trumbull, in "Old Time Student Volunteers," p. 179.

Huntsinger's Business College has issued two unique folders, each one yard in length. One is entitled "A Yard of Business Houses that employ Huntsinger School Graduates," and the other, "One Yard of the Huntsinger Graduates in Business." On the former list about 400 names appear and on the latter about 250, but neither list is by any means a complete one of the Huntsinger graduates.

WORKED THE WRONG WAY.

"That was a mean trick that Mayme's little brother played on her."

"Well what was it?"

"Why, she put a piece of wedding-cake under her pillow to sleep on, you know, and he stole it and ate it, and put a piece of limburger cheese in its place, and she dreamed she was buried alive."

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THE SILVER BAY CONFERENCE.

At Silver Bay, on Lake George, was held last month the conference of the Young People's Missionary Movement. This movement stands for the broadest catholicity through an enriching and enriched denominationalism. In its four conferences held in the past eighteen months, the representatives of more than thirty denominations interested in the development of the missionary spirit among young people have been brought together for systematic study of the Bible, mission biography, the fields, home and foreign, and the various problems fundamental to the evangelization of the world.

A part of each day is set apart for instruction and conferences about the best methods and the best available helps. At this time the delegates meet in three sections, one includes those especially interested in home missions, another those most interested in foreign

missions, and the third is a normal class. In the evening, after a vesper service, the various denominations assemble in groups, under the direction of their own denominational leaders, and carefully consider how the information and suggestions communicated can be made most useful to their own special church problems.

Nine hundred choice young people selected by the various churches because of their ability and devotion, have been brought together. They have acquired vision, knowledge of facts and methods, and through prayer and fellowship have realized inspiration and consecration necessary for leadership in their own denominations.

On four different evenings the denominations met by groups to consider denominational plans, where was discussed the work of the denomination. Plans of work for the coming year were considered and adopted, courses of mission study were considered, and all departments of the denominational work in its relations to the work of young people and missions were made prominent. Denominational socials, denominational pictures, and other exercises, made the denominational part of the conference very marked.

The interdenominational feature of the conference was one of the greatest attractions. Here were various denominations sinking their differences and exalting their similarities. A common Bible and the needs of the various fields are subjects that can be studied equally well in conjunction with other organizations. Abundant time was given for social intercourse with the representatives of all denominations, and the interviews therein afforded proved helpful through interchange of methods. Comity on the mission field becomes a live question as boards push out the advance guards, but while boards are legislating, such conferences as this cultivate that brotherhood among outgoing missionaries which will be essential to the effectiveness of all such work.

As this movement continues it will surely be a movement of movements, reaching out throughout the country and the denominations, raising up young men and young women for the foreign field, and other young men and young women to "hold the ropes."

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The discharge of William Miller from the government printing office, at the demand of the Bookbinders' Union, and his subsequent installation at the request of the President, because his discharge had been illegal, draws attention to the rank mismanagement of another department of the government. True,

outright rascality, such as the Post Office Department investigation is revealing to such a great extent, is not, apparently, characteristic of the Public Printing Department, but the policy pursued by employees who are members of the labor unions, and the meek compliance of their overseers, has doubtless resulted in an enormous loss through extravagance to the government.

Labor saving devices and machinery, such as are used in every progressive printing establishment, have been successfully opposed by these government employees. Typesetting machines have never been used on account of union opposition, although every first-class printing establishment and newspaper finds them fairly indispensable, as well as very economical. The labor union influence has resulted in a minimum amount of work from every man and a corresponding increase in cost for all work turned out. It has been clearly demonstrated that outside printing contractors can turn out work at a profit for 50 per cent. of what the government can, while its printing office is dominated by the labor unions. In fact, the real cause for the discharge of Mr. Miller was that he had reduced the expenses of his own department nearly fifty per cent. A grave indictment, to be sure!

It is a profound pity that the public business cannot be, or is not, carried on by business principles. The political "grafter" apparently has an "easy" thing when he sets out to loot Uncle Sam. The old gentleman has a reputation and an appearance of shrewdness, but to paraphrase the words of a recent writer: "He is not only willing to buy gold bricks, but will pay three times the market price of gold."

The town of Lebanon has been the scene of some very effective midsummer work in which the Baptist and Congregational churches were joint participants. The churches began a series of meetings about the middle of May, and from beginning to end, a quiet, deep, spiritual atmosphere pervaded the congregations. It is said that the work was so thoroughly of the Spirit that hardly any effort was made to secure audiences or converts. They came spontaneously. On the first Sabbath in July the Baptist Church received thirty-two new members and the Congregational church forty-five, a total of seventy-seven. The complete union and fellowship of the two churches culminated in a proposition by the Baptist church to have a union communion service in the Congregational church, which was carried into effect, and proved a happy and profitable occasion.

The maltreated horse is at last to be heard through his friends, the Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Moreover, President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have taken up the cause of the abused army horse. Very soon after the President entered the White House he said that the horses used by him should have long tails. They were not to suffer the pain and disgrace of mutilation and to be deprived for life of their defense against tormenting insects. In his last message to Congress, President Roosevelt recommended that army horses should not be sold at public auction as had been the practice, but when aged or infirm should be used, as far as might be consistent with kindness, for light draught about the army posts and when no longer useful, should be humanely put to death. The Secretary of War has issued a general order with the intention of preventing cruelty to horses in the military service. "Any alteration in the length or shape of the tails, manes or forelocks of public horses by docking, banging, or clipping is hereby prohibited, and only such reasonable trimming and plucking as may be necessary to prevent shagginess of appearance will be permitted."

One subject which the President is discussing very earnestly with callers at Oyster Bay this summer, it is safe to predict will receive special notice in his annual message to Congress. It is the subject of immigration. Nearly a million aliens came to the United States last year and generally speaking they were of the least desirable classes. Attention has also been called to the fact that this class of immigrants does not go west, where it is desirable to settle up the country and where employment at good wages is easy to secure, but remains in the big cities crowding the slums and breeding anarchy, discontent and disease. New York alone assimilated 30 per cent. of last year's immigration and but 13 per cent. went west of the Mississippi. An earnest attempt was made at the last session of Congress, by Senator Lodge and other leaders, to secure an educational test for immigrants coming to this country with a view to eliminating the more ignorant, but Senators Elkins, Gallinger and others interested in a large supply of cheap labor, defeated the proposed restriction.

Our opening poem this month is one which has proved exceedingly helpful to many souls, and so we are glad to reprint it. We are in receipt of an interesting letter concerning its authorship, portions of which we take the liberty to give to our readers. Our correspondent writes:

EDITOR CHURCH REVIEW.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of June 19 inquiring for authorship of "Pray Without Ceasing," received. I sent it with others without noticing that it was my friend's poem, Mrs. T. E. Burroughs, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. This poem, which has been blessed to many, has been wrongly attributed to Elizabeth Browning in several books of song, and papers, as her maiden name was Miss Ophelia G. Browning, and people supposed it must be Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and her modesty never changed it. I saw her this week, when

she wrote several poems for my comfort and strength. She often, like Miss Havergal, gets up in the night and writes as by sudden inspiration, words that speak to the heart, as if written by the finger of God.

I think that the original title of "Pray Without Ceasing" is "Sometime—Somewhere," as I have seen it thus in books by Excell.

Yours in the Master,

Officers of the War Department express satisfaction at the fact that Cardinal Gibbons is in Rome, and its vicinity, at this time, as they feel certain that the Cardinal will use his good offices with the new Pope to secure a satisfactory and amicable settlement of the friars' lands problem. It is learned that Governor Taft, some time ago, made an offer for the entire property to which title is held by the friars, of approximately \$6,000,000. The offer was promptly rejected and was met with a demand for \$12,000,000. This also was rejected as exorbitant but it is probable that with a continuance of the policy of Leo XIII a price somewhere between these two extremes will be arrived at.

The contention over Hartford's water supply goes on merrily. Shall we filter Springfield's sewage, or bottle up Salmon Brook at the Barn Door Hills? Why not try both and have plenty of the fluid for all purposes? Perhaps if we gradually accustom ourselves to the use of the filtered sewage, we may get to like it,—may grow fat on it,—may find it sort of a tonic, after a draught of the tasteless, colorless water of Salmon Brook.

There is no loss without some gain. When our churches are so depleted of attendants that they are fairly forced to close during a few weeks in mid-summer, it should be remembered that many a country and seaside church is refreshed and invigorated by the help and encouragement received from summer visitors.

On our front cover last month, July, the date of issue was given as "August 1903." This date should have been "July, 1903," which date properly appeared in editorial column.

A COMPLAINT CONCERNING HUNTSINGER GRADUATES.

"That his (Mr. Huntsinger's) influence is as great as his teachings is plainly seen from the fact that his graduates in their positions complain that they do not get enough to do. Is it best to set too pronounced an example of ambition, perseverance and indomitable energy before his pupils?"

We quote this from an editorial which appears in one of the leading weeklies

of the State under the heading, "Is Mr. Huntsinger Too Ambitious?" "Fifteen years ago," says this journal, "Mr. Huntsinger opened the school which bears his name. He came supplied with ability, honesty, ambition, and above all, an indomitable determination to establish the best business school in this State, and not surpassed anywhere, in all of which he was successful." It asserts that "it is true that the young men attending this school absorb an amount of ambition to be somebody and do something of immense value," but concludes that "it seems unwise to run the mental machinery at white heat, as he does."

It is true that not many men have the capacity for hard work that Mr. Huntsinger has shown, and also true that human endurance has its limits, but Mr. Huntsinger has every appearance to-day of being an eminently satisfactory risk to a life insurance company, and is certainly in full possession of all the qualities above-named, with which he was supplied fifteen years ago.



PROF. E. M. HUNTSINGER.

From a certain modern point of view, the Huntsinger students are being very badly trained. They are never encouraged in the idea that the first duty of the employee is never to be on hand a minute before the designated hour of beginning work, and never to remain a fraction of a second after the closing time. They have not been educated to believe that they should do as little work as possible, in order to provide places for the largest possible number, or refuse to aid, if called upon, outside of their own immediate department. Their ideas of business honesty and loyalty are on a very different basis, and they have not thus far found the Huntsinger ideas a barrier to preferment to desirable positions.

Because Mr. Huntsinger possessed and exercised the qualities above referred to—because he was content with nothing short of the very highest standards, he won the success which has made his school a leader in the State, drawing to it those who had the "ambition to be somebody" and supplying to the hundreds of business houses where his graduates are employed the finished product suited to their needs. And so long as he is the head of such an institution, we suspect he will not fear to "set too pronounced an example" or greatly worry because the young men therefrom "absorb an amount of ambition." The young man who does not has a pretty sorry future before him.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The eleventh annual catalogue of the evening educational classes of the Hillier Institute is now being distributed. It is a handsomely illustrated booklet of 24 pages and announces a fine course of studies for all classes of young men. The date set for the opening of these classes is Monday, October 5. This date will be preceded by a reception to past and prospective students on Monday evening, September 28. The Association expects this to be a "red letter" date, because at that time many young men will begin a course of study that will make them more efficient and help them to better positions. Two hundred and fifty-one young men studied in the classes last year. We look for a larger enrollment this season. The list of studies is arranged with special reference to the needs of young men.

Some facts about the classes:—The teachers are the best to be secured in the city of Hartford. Instruction is given in the evening and does not in any way interfere with regular time of work. The cost is so low as to be within the reach of every man.

Subjects taught:—Commercial studies, including arithmetic, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting. Industrial studies, including architectural, mechanical and freehand drawing; plumbing, forging, carpentry and woodwork. Languages, including English, German and French. Mathematics and sciences, including algebra, geometry, electricity; and first aid to the injured. In addition, the Association is prepared to furnish an expert instructor for any subject that ten men desire to study. While the work is conducted in accordance with a well arranged system, yet the system is so elastic that desired extensions can be easily made. These classes are exclusively for men from the ages of 18, upward. A special class for boys between 12 and 17 is provided in the wood-working department.

In connection with the evening classes a special course of lectures has been provided, which will be given on Monday evenings in Unity Hall. The following is the arrangement of the course:—Mon-

day, November 9, Frank R. Roberson; subject, "Imperial India." Monday, November 23, Hon. G. A. Gearhart; subject, "Footprints of the Century." Monday, December 14, John DeWitt Miller; subject, "Self Sufficiency of the Republic." Monday, December 28, Rev. C. H. Mead, D. D.; subject, "Odd Characters in an Unfinished Journey." Monday, January 11, Prof. A. W. Hawks; subject, "Sunshine and Shadow." Monday, January 18, Col. L. F. Copeland; subject, "Seeing the Elephant." Monday, January 25, Mr. J. L. Barbour; subject, "Blessed be Humor." Monday, February 1, Congressman Chas. B. Landis; subject, "Ulysses S. Grant." Monday, February 8, Prof. Leon C. Prince; subject, "Men who Dare." Monday, February 15, Rev. Francis A. Strough; subject, "New York to the Golden Gate." Monday, February 22, Hon. J. P. Dolliver; subject, "Public Virtue as a Question of Politics." Monday, February 27, Prof. John B. DeMotte, A. M., M. D., Ph. D.; subject, "The Harp of the Senses." Monday, March 14, Rev. Thos. McClary, D. D.; subject, "The Mission of Mirth." Monday, March 21, Rufus Everson King; subject, "The Almighty Dollar."

The third season of star course entertainments under the auspices of the association will be given in Unity Hall on the following dates: Friday, October 16, Madam Charlotte Maconda, prima donna and company; Wednesday, November 4, the Weeks Company, fun and laughter; Monday, November 30, Alton Packard, the famous cartoonist and humorist; Friday, December 18, the Bostonia (Ladies) Orchestra; Friday, January 15, Leland T. Powers, great dramatic impersonator; Friday, January 29, Sam'l R. Kelley's Tableaux d'Art and Concert Co.; Friday, February 12, the Celebrated English Concert Singers; Wednesday, February 17, Germaine, the Merry Wizard.

A BUSINESS MAN'S ENDEAVOR.

To be joyous in my work, moderate in my pleasure, chary in my confidences, faithful in my friendships; to be energetic but not excitable, enthusiastic but not fanatical; loyal to the truth as I see it, but ever open minded to the newer light; to abhor gush as I would profanity, and to hate cant as I would a lie; to be careful in my promises, punctual in my engagements, candid with myself and frank with others; to discourage shams and rejoice in all that is beautiful and true; to do my work and live my life so that neither require defence or apology; to honor no one simply because rich or famous, and to despise no one because humble and poor; to be gentle and considerate toward the weak, respectful yet self-re-

specting toward the great, courteous to all, obsequious to none; to seek wisdom from great books and inspiration from good men; to invigorate my mind with noble thoughts as I do my body with sunshine and fresh air; to prize all sweet human friendships and seek to make at least one home happy; to have charity for the erring, sympathy for the sorrowing, cheer for the despondent; to be indifferent to none, helpful to some, friendly to all, to leave the world a little better off because of me, and to leave it when I must, bravely and cheerfully, with faith in God and good will to all my fellowmen; this shall be my endeavor.

J. H. Tewksbury.

FOR CONSCIENCE' SAKE.

Suffering for conscience' sake is a virtue that has little exercise in these days, but the conscientious nonconformists of England,—that is, the Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, and the like, are having an opportunity to show their allegiance to conscience, and they are meeting the test. An educational law has been passed which gives control of education to the established church, while nonconformists must pay their share of the tax to support it. This they cannot conscientiously do, and great numbers of them will refuse to pay their taxes. Their property will doubtless be seized, and they will suffer much. Their chief ground for resistance is that the law violates what the Englishman believes is a constitutional principle, namely, that he shall not be taxed to support a form of religion that violates his own religious convictions.

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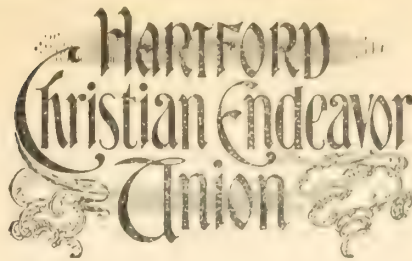
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HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The special committee appointed to plan for the district meeting to be held Friday, October 20, in connection with the annual meeting of the Hartford Union, met Friday evening, August 7, at the home of the secretary of the union.

There were present Mr. John W. Logan, the chairman of the committee; Mr. Brooks, Miss Griswold, of Berlin, who came as a representative of the New Britain Union, and the secretary.

The program was discussed and speakers selected and as soon as we can announce with authority their acceptance, the entire program will be published.

The meeting will consist of three sessions, morning at 10, afternoon at 2:30, and evening at 7:30.

It is expected that Prof. Amos R. Wells, editor of the C. E. World, will be the evening speaker.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 16—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Lessons from Paul: How to use tact in dealing with men.—I Cor. ix, 16-23.

In calling the fishermen Simon Peter and Andrew to become his disciples Jesus said unto them, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." One of the first and most important qualifications of a successful fisherman is what we call tact, which, though not so easily defined, is clearly understood by all. No blundering, thoughtless, heedless person can ever be a successful fisher. It requires a person of cautiousness, of intelligence, of tactful skill, who, instead of alarming and driving away the object of his desire, will lead them to him in such a way that they themselves shall be unconscious of it. Men, like fish, hesitate to be caught, even when their soul's salvation is concerned. They are wary of the net of salvation, and unless those who try to win them are "as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves" they are more apt to frighten them away from the kingdom than to lead them into it. The wise man says, "He that winneth souls is wise." "Win" is the correct word. Souls are to be won, and in their winning a very necessary qualification on the part of the winner is tact.

Paul exemplifies in a large measure the necessity and the successfulness of tact in dealing with men from a religious standpoint. He was a great soul winner and most successful in developing Christian character. And one of

the secrets of his success with all nationalities and classes of people was his tactfulness. "Unto the Jews," he says, "I became as a Jew that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law; that I might gain them under the law; to them that are without law, as without law; * * * to the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." The apostle did not, of course, in any ignoble sense become all things to all men. He was not one thing to a Jew and something that was inconsistent with that to a Roman. He studied the dispositions of all classes and adapted himself to their peculiarities and their wants that he might win them to Christ. He talked to men in a language they could understand and presented Christ from a viewpoint that they could comprehend, and thus only can any one be successful in dealing with men in their relation to God in Jesus Christ.

To be able to adapt himself to the peculiar dispositions of men required thought and study on the part of the apostle. A Jew had to be dealt with in one way and a gentile in another, and to deal with each in the proper way required a certain kind of knowledge which can only come from study and experience. Parents to deal successfully with children, teachers with scholars, pastors with people and Christian people with the unsaved and irreligious must study their particular dispositions and thus learn how to reach them. The acquirement of such skill requires time and labor, but it should be cheerfully given. Men study men that they may be successful in dealing with them in business and in politics. Why should we not, then, as Christians be willing to give the time and study necessary to so understand men that we may deal with them successfully in the salvation and sanctification of their souls?

BIBLE READINGS.

Prov. xi, 30; Dan. xii, 3; Matt. iv, 18-20; x, 16; Luke v, 1-11; Rom. xv, 1, 2; I Cor. x, 31-33; II Cor. xii, 28-30; I Tim. iv, 16; Jas. v, 20.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 23—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Lessons from Paul: How to make our lives count like his.—II Tim. i, 6-8; II Cor. xi, 23-28.

Few lives have counted for more than that of the apostle Paul. Converted under most miraculous circumstances, he at once inquired, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" and from that time on the doing of the will of God was his chief business in life, and as the apostle to the gentiles he achieved undying fame in the annals of the church and had the most conspicuous part in spreading the gospel throughout the Roman empire. And in the letters that he wrote to churches and to individuals he left the church a legacy of inestimable value, and being dead his life still counts for God and for Christianity in a most powerful way in spite of the intervening centuries.

But what was the secret of Paul's success? How was he able to make his life count for so much in his own day and to exert an influence that is still felt today after nearly nineteen centuries have passed away? Without going into any detailed analysis of the apostle's character we may be satisfied with asserting that his success was due to his sublime faith in God and in the gospel of Christ and his absolute consecration of himself to the one great idea of saving the souls of men. Paul had a great faith and a great desire that all men should possess the same faith, and he considered no sacrifice too great that this might be accomplished. As a minister of Christ he was "in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent." He was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, "in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren, in wearings and painfulness, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." Such a record abundantly explains the secret of Paul's success. A life of such self sacrifice could not but count. "He that loses his life shall save it."

But how can we make our lives count like Paul's? By following in his footsteps. If we, with a faith and power born of God, as in the case of the apostle, "make ourselves partakers of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" our lives shall also count for God and for the uplifting and saving of humanity. Any one who believes strongly in God and in the power of the gospel to save men, and will at any cost or self denial act up to these beliefs, can make his life mean much for God and much for his fellow men. Paul's success should inspire us to imitate his example, for

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. v, 24; Josh. i, 1-7; Matt. v, 10-12; x, 18-28; Acts xv, 25, 26; xxvii, 9-25; I Cor. x, 31; xv, 28; II Cor. xii, 32, 33.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 30—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Our duty to the stranger.—Deut. vii, 7, 8; II Chron. vi, 32, 33. (Home missions.)

There is no more important problem before the Christian church of America today than that of dealing with the stranger or the foreigner in our land. The prayer of the church used to be, "Lord, open the doors of all lands to the gospel," and not only has this prayer been answered, but God has brought and is bringing to our shores thousands and thousands from other lands who are in serious need of the gospel of Christ.

The seriousness of the problem before the church today from the standpoint of the foreigner is evident when

we take into consideration several important facts concerning our foreign population.

1. Their numbers. Our population in 1900, not including our insular possessions, was 76,303,387. Of this number 10,460,085 were foreign born and 15,687,322 were the children of foreign born parents. Thus every third person in the United States is either foreign born or the child of foreign born parents. Moreover, immigration is increasing instead of decreasing. It has averaged for the past five years about 10,000 a week, and it has been estimated that there will come to us this year 850,000 foreigners, an average of over 16,000 a week. What a serious problem confronts us from the standpoint of numbers alone!

2. Their character. The nations which produce the most undesirable classes of people are steadily sending larger numbers to us, while the best nations of Europe are more and more sending less immigrants to our shores. Formerly the best nations of Europe gave us their people, and to them we are indebted for much of our greatness. But today this is changed. While Great Britain, Germany, France and Greece are sending fewer immigrants Austria-Hungary, Italy, and principally southern Italy, and Russia are sending us more. In the calendar year of 1900 we received 111,088 immigrants from Italy, 108,701 from Austria-Hungary and 92,486 from Russia, while in the same year there came from Great Britain but 49,532 immigrants, from the German empire 20,968, from Greece 4,664 and from France but 2,971. The worst nations of Europe are sending us their worst classes—foreign in speech, in customs, in religious beliefs and in character.

3. Their methods of settling in our land. The general tendency of the foreign element is to congregate according to nationalities in certain sections of our country, the chief places of segregation being our large cities, our great eastern industrial sections and the agricultural districts of the west and northwest. Thus our large cities have their "Little Italy," "Little Germany," "Little Scandinavia" and "Chinatown." Crowded together by the thousands, they live surrounded by squalor and confusion and by moral and spiritual degradation. In our great industrial and agricultural centers similar conditions exist. In the very heart of such an American commonwealth as Pennsylvania entire communities can be found where foreign languages are spoken, costumes worn, newspapers read, political and religious beliefs held and practiced.

The problems of such an element in our population are serious and great. These people must be lifted up or they will drag us down. Our social, political and Christian institutions are all endangered by their presence in our land. They must be Christianized and Americanized or their presence here will be a constant menace to our national welfare and Christian institutions. The church should measure up

to its responsibility in this matter. Solomon prayed "concerning the stranger which is not of Thy people Israel," and so we should pray and labor for the salvation of the "stranger within our gates."

BIBLE READINGS.

Neh. ii, 1-5; Ps. cxxxvii, 5, 6; cxlvi, 9; Isa. lii, vii; Nah. i, 15; Matt. xxv, 34, 35; John xii, 20-22; Acts, viii, 26-40; Rom. i, 14; ix, 1-5.

Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 6—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—The allied forces of righteousness.—John xvii, 20-23; I Cor. i, 10-13.

The unity of the Christian church, for all practical purposes at least, such as the extension of Christ's kingdom and the overthrow of evil, is indeed "a consummation devoutly to be wished." Organic unity, as men are so differently constituted, is a dream impossible of realization, but unity in spirit, in sympathy and in service for Christ and against evil is a possibility, and should speedily become a reality.

In spite of all our differences the Christian church is essentially one church. The tendency in the past has been to emphasize the differences and to minimize the things upon which we agree, and the time has come to reverse the order. The church should emphasize to the world that it is essentially one church. (1) It believes in one God as manifested in Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (2) It has one faith—not one creed, though all denominations could accept the Apostles' Creed, but one faith—Christian faith, as distinctive from other religious faiths. (3) It has essentially the same ordinances—baptism and the Lord's supper. The forms of administration are not always the same, but the ordinances are. (4) It has one Bible. (5) It has the same forms of worship. These are praise, prayer, Scripture reading and preaching. Whether rendered in elaborate settings or in the simplest the forms are essentially the same. Our hymnology beautifully illustrates our essential oneness. Wesley, a Methodist, wrote "Jesus, Lover of My Soul;" Toplady, an Episcopalian, "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me;" Fawcett, a Baptist, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds;" Bowring, a Unitarian, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and Cardinal Newman, who afterward became a Catholic, "Lead, Kindly Light." Yet these hymns are sung in all our churches. (6) The church has one fellowship. The common tie that binds us to Christ binds us to one another, and we should not only sing, but practice

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.

The Scripture constantly emphasizes the fact that the church is and should be a united church. Christ in His intercessory prayer prayed for the unity of the church, "that they may all be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee; that they may also be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." And what Christ prayed for Paul argued for. To the divided Christians at Corinth he wrote:

"Now, I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye speak the same thing, that there be no divisions among you. * * * Every one of you saith, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. Is Christ divided, was Paul crucified for you, or even ye baptized in the name of Paul?" And what Christ prayed for and Paul argued for we should earnestly labor for. The Christian church as one army, though divided into regiments and companies, should present a united front to the world that the world may know that Christ was sent of God and that the forces of evil may be overcome and the forces of righteousness may prevail.

BIBLE READINGS.

John x, 16; Acts ii, 41-47; Rom. xii, 1-5; xv, 5, 6; Ps. cxxxiii; I Cor. x, 16, 17; Gal. iii, 27-29; Eph. i, 7-12; Phil. i, 27-30; Phil. ii, 1-4.

Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 13.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Feasting that maketh lean souls.—Ex. xvi, 2-5; Ps. cvi, 13-15. (Temperance.)

Feasting is not generally supposed to produce leanness, and yet it is known to all that there is a feasting—a feasting of the body that does produce a leanness—a leanness of soul. Indeed, spiritual leanness is usually an accompaniment of physical feasting. Feasting and drinking are not productive of spiritual growth. Excess in either produces the opposite result. As an illustration of this truth, the topical reference gives us the instance of the Israelites in the wilderness. Between Elim and Sinai the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron and said, "Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots and when we did eat to the full, for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." God gave them food. The psalmist says, "He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls." Their bodies were fed, but their souls were starved. In their prosperity they forgot God and neglected to live in vital and living communion with Him, and were constantly wandering from Him and falling into temptation.

The application of this subject to temperance is easily made and readily understood. Intemperance in drink is disastrous in many ways, but it is especially disastrous to the spiritual life. The soul is lean indeed when the body is full of wine instead of the spirit of God. Drunkenness dwarfs and destroys soul life. It makes it impossible for a man to live in vital and living communion with his God, it makes him an easy victim to the temptations of life about him, and the Scriptures clearly state that the drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Along all lines intemperance is a deadly foe to spirituality. And this is one of the strongest reasons why it should be avoided and opposed by all

who do avoid it. We should not only obey the injunction, "Be not drunken with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit," but we should also strive to lead others to obey this command and as far as possible to make it impossible for men to become intemperate. Total abstinence should be practiced and preached; the saloon should be courageously opposed and prayer offered to God for its speedy overthrow. In doing these things we shall be opposing one of the greatest destroyers of spiritual life and make it possible for thousands who are spiritually debased now to be filled with the spirit of God.

BIBLE READINGS.

Prov. xx, 1; xxiii, 1-3, 20, 21, 29-32; Isa. v, 11, 22, 23; Matt. xxiv, 48-51; Luke xxi, 34; Gal. v, 19-26; Eph. v, 18-20.

Platform of Principles.

In the early days of the movement Rev. Dr. Clark drew up the following, a good thing to repeat today for the benefit of the younger generation:

First.—The Society of Christian Endeavor is not and is not to be an organization independent of the church. It is the church at work for and with the young and the young people at work for and with the church. In all that we do and say let us bear this in mind and seek for the fullest co-operation of pastors and church officers and members in carrying on our work. The Society of Christian Endeavor can always afford to wait rather than force itself upon an unwilling church.

Second.—Since the societies exist in every evangelical denomination, the basis of the union of the societies is one of common loyalty to Christ, common methods of service for Him and mutual Christian affection rather than a doctrinal and ecclesiastical basis. In such a union all evangelical Christians can unite without repudiating or being disloyal to any denominational custom or tenet.

Third.—The purely religious features of the organization shall always be paramount. The Society of Christian Endeavor centers about the prayer meeting. The strict "prayer meeting pledge," honestly interpreted as experience has proved, is essential to the continued success of a Society of Christian Endeavor.

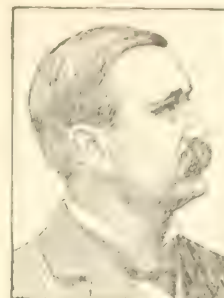
Fourth.—The Society of Christian Endeavor sympathizes with temperance and all true moral reforms, with wise philanthropic measures and especially with missions at home and abroad. Yet it is not to be used as a convenience by an organization to further ends other than its own.

Interdenominational.

Christian Endeavor has been interdenominational from the beginning, and its fellowship has grown steadily through the years. It now includes more than forty evangelical denominations. No organization in Christendom compares with it in unifying power. This has made for the society a host of friends among far seeing Christians.—A. R. W.

A Musical Endeavorer.

Rev. F. H. Jacobs, who with Mr. Peter S. Hooper directed the singing at the Eastern convention, is an "Endeavorer through and through."



REV. F. H. JACOBS.

He has been a member of the New York state executive committee and holds the responsible position of state superintendent of evangelistic work. He is the director of the famous Fulton Street open prayer meeting in New York

city. He often leads the singing at Moody's summer conferences at Northfield, Mass., and is also much in demand as a Christian Endeavor convention speaker. His voice is wonderfully sweet and sympathetic in gospel song work. He has also given to the world several very effective song compositions.

Secretary Vogt's First Message.

General Secretary Vogt's first message was addressed to the Endeavorers of New York state through their state paper, Empire State Notes. It is as follows:

My Dear Fellow Workers:

I want to express to you my heart of co-operation and at the same time assure you of my sincere confidence for your onward and upward march for Christian Endeavor. It surely is an added aspect of larger things to come. Never has the need of men physically and spiritually been the subject of private talk and public consideration and the object of effort so much as now, and never so profound and widespread the conviction that the one help for that need in all its perplexing complications is Jesus Christ. Believing that no labor is worthy which does not somehow aid in bringing the world of needy men to Him who alone can save, let us wisely study and continually work that our great organization may more and more be effective to that end. Yours sincerely,

Von Oyden Vogt

Discovered the Young People.

It cannot be forgotten that Christian Endeavor, as I wrote sixteen years ago, discovered the young people to the church, discovered the power of the young people for Christian service to themselves, and thus utilized for the church and the kingdom of God this vast spiritual force.—Rev. Howard B. Grose.

President Clark's Trip.

Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, in his recent four weeks' convention tour through the south made forty-three addresses in seven different states, with 5,400 miles of travel.

In South Africa.

Two new societies have been organized in the Zompans' erg district, South Africa, by returned prisoners of war Endeavorers from St. Helena.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Icons Glennied From the Teachings of All Denominations.

Our model character could be as dear to us as the flag that waves over our heads.—Rev. W. A. Starnes, Baptist, Pittsburg.

Christians' Field of Labor.

God meant that the Christian life should be wrought out in the midst of the world's untoward surroundings.—Rev. D. J. Meese, Methodist, Springfield, O.

The Work of Conversion.

There is less zeal in converting the world from one religion to another than there is for ennobling mankind through the faiths they have.—Rev. E. Miller, Baptist, Chicago.

The Mission of Good Books.

Every good book has failed of its purpose so far as we are concerned until it has made us better acquainted with our worse and better selves.—Rev. J. W. Chadwick, Unitarian, Brooklyn.

Measure of True Life.

True life is not measured by nuggets of gold, by stocks and bonds, by billets of steel or by cars of coal, but by devotion to the service of Jesus Christ.—Rev. R. S. Holmes, Presbyterian, Pittsburg.

Service to God and Man.

It is a serious question today whether service to God or service to man is the more important, when we take into consideration the peace and harmony of humanity.—Rev. F. E. Mason, Scientist, Brooklyn.

The Name of Jesus.

The name of Jesus is a battle ground about which great and thrilling battles have been fought, not so much the name itself as rather the significance of the name and the power of the One named.—Rev. W. M. Simmons, Baptist, Peoria, Ill.

The Inequalities of Life.

The inequalities and incongruities of life are explained on the ground that this world is a school in which we are being fitted for something higher. Death itself becomes explained as the graduation day of the soul. So may we continue to believe in God, to worship, and to pray.—Rev. F. O. Hall, Universalist, New York.

Deceitfulness of Appearances.

Appearances are deceitful. They are never absolutely true. One man may appear to be successful and fail, while another may appear to fail and succeed. Christ realized that there is an inevitableness about all true living and all true work. It is indestructible. The laws of God are taking charge of every true effort.—Rev. J. D. Adam, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

"Cloud Consciousness."

All the world builders, the men who like Titans have lifted this earth up toward higher things and fairer visions and sweeter life, have all been endowed with the "cloud consciousness." The mere star gazers have never been men of great accomplishment. The men who have achieved, who have redeemed the earth and man upon the

earth, are men like Isaiah and John the Baptist and St. Paul and Luther, who have had at once an intense consciousness of a possible good and an equally intense consciousness of an actual evil. Again the element of cloud in the divine revelation, paradoxical though it may seem, is apocalyptic. It is well that there is an area of the vague in life. It is well that truths are so vast as to be insoluble by our present philosophies and our present faculties. It is well that mystery rises upon mystery in ever deepening obscurity. It is well that the riches of Christ are "unsearchable." For the area of the vague, the insoluble, the mysterious, the unsearchable are measures of the future possibilities of our spiritual development. It is vaticinative of progressive future conquests, of ceaseless future triumphs, of "the glories that are yet to be."—Rev. Dr. Joseph Milburn, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Value of Personal Work.

In the immense power in units great movements begin and are carried on by this power. It is not necessary to be a star of the first magnitude to shine for God. If only each one will stand in his place and let the light shine down upon others Christ will not fail to put his own true value upon such a life.—Rev. Dean R. Leland, Presbyterian, St. Louis.

The Divine Immanency.

Carlyle in one of his bursts of melancholy, speaking of deity as he conceived it, said, "He has done nothing." What a great mistake! God has done something. He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believed in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. God is not away up there in space or away back there in time. God is everywhere and in everything. We must put away the terrible God of our childhood and the faraway God of our youth taught years for the everywhere present God of nature and the Bible. God's word teaches the divine immanency.—Rev. Dr. Amos Johnson, Methodist, Philadelphia.

Bids Us Look Forward.

One of the blessed characteristics of the Christian religion as compared with others is that it bids us look forward instead of backward. It matters little to us how good or bad people used to be. The question is, Are they better now and have they something that promises a bright tomorrow? When we take up the Christian Bible we find the whole pull of the book is upward. When a man tells what he has done he begins to wither. Growing men and institutions like a church can not thrive on has-beens. This is the practical value of the doctrine of the second coming of Christ.—Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins, Congregationalist, Chicago.

A Hint For Committees.

So whenever you hear a good thing just put it down, because if it is good for you it will be good for somebody else, and we should pass the coin of heaven around just as we do the coin of the realm. D. L. Moody, "Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study."

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The charitable organizations of the city are kept busy during the summer months by push and enterprise, in addition to the regular line of work. The Constant Fresh Air Fund is larger than ever before. For several years it has been used in giving trolley excursions to Rainbow Park. This year it is being used for the most part in giving excursions down the river in Mr. Hale's steamer *Abdalene*. About 250 people are taken upon each trip. The distribution of the tickets and the management of the excursions are left to the local charities. Four excursions have been given by the Open Hearth and four by the Charity Organization Society. Refreshments are served on the boat and a landing is made for about two hours at Glen Grove, near Middle Haddam.

The Children's Aid Society has a cottage at Woodmont, which is kept well filled by children and some grown people who need its benefits.

The Social Settlement people are taking parties from North street and vicinity to a cottage at Saybrook.

The Union for Home Work and the City Mission are also taking part in providing outings for needy people.

The success of the vacation schools, the school of horticulture, the gymnasium at Pope Park and the kindergarten and playground at Riverside Park are matters of some local pride and give strong arguments for the increase of such facilities.

The work of improving social conditions in Hartford has been greatly strengthened at one of the weakest points by the appointment of a probation officer. Mr. Frank A. Arnold began work in this capacity August 6. It is safe to say that an investigating officer will make perjury less inviting, and the number of cases placed in his hands shows clearly that he will be kept busy looking after people who should be at work, but who need some oversight to keep them in the right path.

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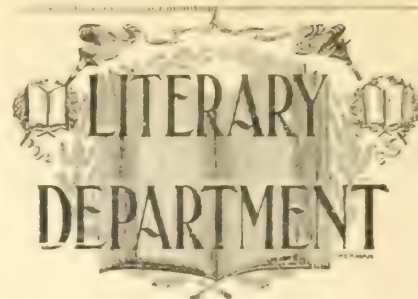
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"A Place of Marvels," by Ray Standard Baker, in the (August) Midsummer Holiday number of the Century Magazine tells of Yellowstone Park as a scene of most graphic interest. "A City's Campaign for Pure Milk" is another notable article. The illustrations of the number are remarkable, one series especially, in color, being superb reproductions of paintings of Antarctic scenery by E. W. Stead.

Everybody's Magazine for August in addition to the usual well-balanced and inviting Table of Contents, seized the opportunity offered by the universal interest in the selection of a successor to Pope Leo XIII, and has secured a remarkable article upon the subject from no less important a writer than the Pope's official biographer, F. Marion Crawford.

In the Woman's Home Companion for August is the sixth in the important series on "Great Movements which are making the World Better." It relates to "The Philanthropic Work of the Roman Catholic Church."

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The tragedy of "Tully" in New York is adequately written about by Mr. Frank Moss in an article in the current Cosmopolitan Magazine, entitled "A Great Public Service."

Memo By "Pansy" (Mrs. G. R. Alden). 311 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Pub. Co. Price \$1.50.

Though "Pansy" is best known as a writer for young people, this, her latest work, is not designed especially for them. It is a modern story of intense interest and full of movement and sentiment, yet at the same time the moral lessons and the religious tones predominate—not to a strained degree, but naturally and effectively.

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A Victim of Conscience. By Milton Goldsmith. 318 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates & Co.

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Though sad and tragic, nevertheless the human touches throughout appeal to the reader with force. The sympathies are aroused and held and despite the inevitable punishment of the transgressor the author's eloquence makes the retribution seem a hard one. The illustrations are peculiar and old-fashioned in drawing, but in taste.

A Duke and His Double. By Edward S. Van Zile. 187 pages, 16 mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.00.

The author relates the story of the efforts of a millionaire flour merchant of Chicago to break into the inner circle of New York society. He tries to import an English duke for an entering wedge. Apparently failing, he resorts to subterfuge.

The story is a short but lively one. Its style of telling is plausible, but depending more upon the reader's willingness to believe, than on a technical regard for logic.

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The Lions of the Lord. By Harry Leon Wilson. 520 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

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With the Trees. By Maud Going. 335 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.00.

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Ethics of the Body. By George Dana Boardman. 153 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia; J. P. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.00.

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Pearl-Maiden. By H. Rider Haggard. 463 pages, 12 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$1.50.

Rider Haggard's latest work deals, not with the African scenes and mysteries that we know him best by, but with the fall of Jerusalem and the varied thrilling scenes that were associated with the persecution of the early Christians.

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Truth and a Woman. By Anna Roberson Brown. 206 pages, 16 mo. Chicago: H. S. Stone and Co. Price \$1.25.

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esting and so clear in the author's mind was the whole puzzle, that she leaves nearly all of it for the reader to evolve for himself and he can't do it, unless he be unusually clever. One would really like to appreciate the strong climax in order to continue the remembrance of a well told love story, but hypocrisy is distasteful even to a reviewer of books, and the author should remember again, that most readers exert themselves to follow vague clues only in detective stories.

The Captain's Toll-Gate. By Frank R. Stockton. 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

In the memorial sketch by the author's wife, which is prefixed to this volume, there is an excellent biography and a most interesting appreciation of Stockton's work.

One learns that this story was written some time before his death, and so can understand the full vigor of its style, its brilliant humor and its ingenious situations.

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If thou couldst lift the mystic veil
Betwixt thee and the coming years,
Couldst know the hour thy cheeks would
pale

The time thine eyes must dim with
tears,
Say, wouldst thou draw that veil aside
And, fearless, down the future glide?

If thou couldst know when Joy's white
wings
Would folded be in silent sadness,
When on thy lute the broken strings
Would hush for thee all tones of glad-
ness,
Say, wouldst thou down the future gaze
And learn the tale of coming days?

The smiles and tears, the hopes and fears
A Father's thought has planned for me
Are wisely hidden in the years
Whose mystery I may not see,
I would not look on life's long day,
But step by step I'd learn the way,

Content to know the Hand of Love
In perfect wisdom leads me on,
With eye of Faith I'd look above
And trust Him when my joys are
gone,
The flesh is weak; I dare not see,
But as my day my strength shall be.
—Our Young Folks.

WHY I AM A METHODIST.

BY REV. BURDETTE B. BROWN.

Confronted with the question, "Why I am what I am," one is compelled to pause. If the question is pressed, the unthinking may be led to an abandonment of that which he is, simply because he knows of no reason for his continuance therein. If on the contrary the quest is for truth and a genuine desire exists for realizing in life the best that God gives, the question elicits serious thinking and earnest living.

To tell why I am a Methodist and not of the company of other revered Christian denominations would seem al-

most a discourtesy were it not for the recognized common ground on which we stand and the common purpose which all cherish of finding the truth. The many things which we thus have in common make it increasingly desirable that any distinctive features or differences which exist be frankly stated, for thereby shall error come to light and truth make free.

There are few causes which lead to membership in one evangelical denomination rather than another. Birth, early education and place of conversion are the chief causes, and a large majority of all church members are where they are for one or more of these reasons. Some have been influenced by convenience and probably a still smaller number by doctrinal preferences. The futility of any idle boast of denominational superiority is made evident when it is seen that the Providence of God, rather than our own wisdom, has placed most of us where we are.

In my own case it was to be expected that a combination of Methodist influences, which included parents, home, Sunday-school, church and minister, should generate a Methodist child. If, as is often said, the child is father to the man it was to be expected that I should be a Methodist man. Four years in a Baptist college and three years in a Congregational seminary, joy in sharing in the work of these denominations in the past, and as opportunity offers, in the present as well, have combined to nurture and materially modify the budding twig, but it is still the same life and has the same nature.

In stating some general reasons for the faith that is in me I would assail no creed or practice of any other church. I pay my respects to all sister denominations and rejoice in all good they do and in all blessings they receive.

I am a Methodist because of the Catholicity of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the administration of the Sacrament her communion is open to all true penitents and she insists upon no distinct form or attitude for the recipient. In Baptism her usage requires no age standard, no intellectual stand-

ard, no form standard. She makes no protest against the modes of others.

The subject of infant baptism has sacred roots in the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches, include infants. The reasons therefor seem well-grounded and have been ably set forth by Bishop Merrill in his "Christian Baptism." "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," is sufficient to show the spiritual state of infants, that infants belong to the Kingdom of Heaven, and that they are entitled to be known and acknowledged as sustaining such a relationship. Who should forbid us entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven conditional upon entrance to this condition and announce them as worthy of membership if they were not in the Kingdom and possessed of a relationship which those who enter must possess.

Infants are not to be held in permanent captivity before God. As Mary the Virgin we read: "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven? And he called to him a little child, and setting him in the midst of them said, Verily I say unto you, except ye turn and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Before we discuss such believers and should be treated as such. Is it said they cannot believe? A child state it the other way, they cannot disbelieve. If serious converts be treated as believers and are to be "received in the name of Christ," how can this be done if not by putting on them the badge of discipleship, the token of recognition of believers—Christian Baptism?

The New Testament command was to "Baptize and to children" (Acts 2:39.) Paul frequently represents the church as a body and as one. "There is one body" (Eph. 4:12.) The apostolical mission of the Church of God presents an argument for infant baptism. The Great Commission to the disciples was to "go ye out into all the world, and teach all nations, baptizing them." It is not correct to hold that the design of the commission is to be passed

bered that it has reference to their future lives, that it is a covenant act. The significance of baptism is not confined to the hour of its reception, but has reference to the future and is made flesh only by fulfilling the covenant engagements it implies. The instance is cited of a young man (not named) upon the active duties of life who becomes absorbed in worldly pursuits, neglects his religious obligations, breaks his covenant, and is lost. After a term of years he comes to himself, penitently seeks the Father and again enters the service of Christ and the church. His baptism is not repeated. Its design and significance were lost by his disobedience, but are restored by his returning faith. This principle should be applied in the case of infants. If in after life they meet their covenant obligations, their baptism is as fresh and significant as if just administered. It covers the whole life.

2. The modes of baptism from which choice may be made include sprinkling, immersion, and pouring. All Christian churches regard immersion as admissible. The argument for it is drawn from the locality of the ministrations of John, the expressness concerning locality being reasonably accounted for independently of the manner of administering the rite. The Jews attached great importance to living or "running water," even when the law stipulated that the washing was to be done by sprinkling as it was in many instances. As Bishop Merrill has stated: "The fact that John baptized Jesus as a Jew and not as a Christian, with the law binding upon him and the people which enjoined religious washings by sprinklings, which availing the Jews now called baptisms, places the matter before us almost in the light of a demonstration that his baptism was by sprinkling." Stepping down into the water and being baptized with water would be the language employed in describing baptism by sprinkling.

John's baptism of Jesus was doubtless by the same mode as was used in baptizing the others. There are three distinct steps in the process: 1st, Jesus went down into the water; 2d, He was baptized; 3d, He came up out of the water. Nothing indicates the mode by which the baptism was administered. Nor is there anything in this recorded action which can really be considered as an example. Jesus did not come to John and say, after the multitude had been baptized, "John's baptism was 'unto repentance' and 'for remission of sins,' but Jesus needed no repentance and had no sins to be remitted. He could not be baptized in his own name. John saw that the case was exceptional and declined to baptize him. Jesus explained, "Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." They were Jews, and under the Law Jesus came to fulfill. Out of this grew John's baptism. The Levitical law permitted no public religious service to be performed by one on whom the water of separation had not been "sprinkled." In compliance with the spirit of this law Jesus deferred his ministry until he was thirty years of age and, beginning his public ministry, sought consecration by the use of "running water," which the Levitical law specified should be "sprinkled."

With characteristic liberality Methodism does not tenaciously hold to either

mode of baptism, but practices and defends all three. It has the mark of the wide sea as a baptismal symbol, and it has more than the drop of communion service, with which God feeds the life and grows the arm of the believing disciple.

II. *I am a Methodist because of the efficient Christian Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.* Ten of the doctrines have been concisely expressed by Bishop Vincent:

1. All men are sinners.
2. God the Father loves all men and hates all sin.
3. Jesus Christ died for all men, to make possible their salvation from sin and to make sure the salvation of all who believe in him.
4. The Holy Spirit is given to all men to enlighten and to incline them to repent of their sins and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. All who repent of their sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the forgiveness of sins. (This is Justification.)
6. All who receive the forgiveness of sin are at the same time made new creatures in Christ Jesus. (This is Regeneration.)
7. All who are made new creatures in Christ Jesus are accepted as the children of God. (This is Adoption.)
8. All who are accepted as the children of God may receive the inward assurance of the Holy Spirit to that fact. (This is the Witness of the Spirit.)
9. All who truly desire and seek it may love God with all their heart and soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. (This is entire sanctification.)
10. All who persevere to the end, and only those, shall be saved in heaven forever. (This is true final perseverance.)

These Scripture-taught, spirit-filled doctrines, believed and preached, have been and are still a source of power. They have helped to make clear the way of salvation and bring a multitude of members into the fold of the church.

III. *I am a Methodist because of the efficient system of church government of the Methodist Episcopal Church.* This system, set forth by John Wesley in the book of Discipline, has since been amended and elaborated through the experience of the church.

1. Its government is congregational. Each church is bound to every other yet enjoys the practical advantages of independent church government. The lay-workers, deaconesses, local preachers, deacons, elders and bishops, each have clearly defined fields of service. Its ministry are probably in the numbers, if any are. If such a doctrine were considered essential, there would be for it all the proof which exists for the succession claimed in the Episcopal church.

The benevolence fund are made among the contributions of all the churches and are for the common strengthening and extension of Christian enterprises.

Uniform in essential theology, the churches pull together and in the same direction, while they are allowed at the same time a large measure of freedom in individual belief.

2. Its government is democratic. In Quarterly Conferences of the local church, the laity control, and in the Quadrennial or Legislative Conference of the entire denomination, the laity

have equal representation. Its ministry originates among the laity and with the laity in the world's steps upward and outward to the ministry. Training and recognition of individual excellence are conspicuous throughout the Church.

IV. *I am a Methodist because the Methodist Episcopal Church stands for Christian benevolence.* Loyal to the state and among the best of the world, to incorporate in its Articles of Religion an article condemning the government of the United States "entirely in twain by the slavery institution twenty years before the nation trembled in the throes of war; the inveterate foe of the liquor traffic; the advocate and champion of moral reform, speaking in no uncertain tones on all questions of doubtful propriety, it is in a special sense the American church. It was born here, at the "Christmas Conference," held in Baltimore in 1784. It has seen mutual benevolence developed here. Its pioneer preachers, in harness, rode through the forests, trod the streams and crossed the mountains, where the only road was a single track and where there were no cities to serve as the bases of missionary activity. The Methodist pioneers stood shoulder to shoulder with the settler and shared his hardships, that they might preach to the "unsundered miles of Christ Jesus."

The Methodist Episcopal Church has grown with the nation and ministered to its moral and religious life, following the way when no preceding it, and it stretches from sea to sea, and its arms reach out and embrace the globe. First its cry was heard, "Go evangelize," and its preachers swept through the country like a flock of soaring birds. Later the cry has been "Go educate," and college walls have arisen, students have flocked together and millions of endowment have come to the treasuries. Now "Go alleviate," is the watch cry, as hospitals and homes rise to do good. Today evangelism, education, and alleviation of suffering are being carried forward hand in hand in the belief that to save, to teach and to minister, constitute the duty of the church. Methodism, catholic in doctrine and practice, aggressive in evangelism, sublime in faith, strong in government, American in origin and development, provides abundant reason to every member for the faith that is in him and continues among the most humble of the instruments which God has blessed for the salvation of the world.

PICTURESQUE SURROUNDINGS.

The Cathedral Green of Wells displays its proportion and extent at a glance. Across a long stretch of lawn, the three store towers of the greatly admired west front are loomingly suddenly and close, and can anything be more striking than the first prospect of this remarkable facade.

The Cathedral of Wells, and more particularly the west front, has a great interest for the architect. Perfect in style, so far as that style has been carried, marvelous in detail and in fragments of its date, the lower portion of the front, if even in the eyes of some critics, somewhat stained by the additions of later periods, is undoubtedly one of the most valuable pieces of early English workmanship bequeathed to us. The sculptures are of this period:

it has been claimed for them that they are more advanced in their rendering than those of Nicholas Pisano on the *Diomo* of Orvieto, than which they are earlier in date. The Chapter House, too, remarkable for the flight of stone steps leading to it from the cathedral, is extremely fine. It is early geometric in its traceries, but the ball-flower appears in great profusion within.

The Chain Gate, in its association with the Chapter House and the Vicar's Close, is unique. The incline of the steps, easily to be distinguished from without, gives the corner a character quite its own. At the entrance to the green by this gate, balanced by the varied gables and roofs of the houses op-

and the Archdeaconry, is the first general feature of the enclosure. Beyond, and under the Chain Gateway, an arch admits to the Vicar's Close—a charming street, lined on either side with diminutive dwelling houses, once the separate residences of the vicar's chorist. And here that appearance of renovation, which at present too strongly characterises the green, is for a time, forgotten. At the top of the close is a small perpendicular chapel with a library above. The interior is profusely, almost grotesquely decorated in a manner to remind to some extent of those strange little oratories so frequently met with in other parts of Europe. But to many it will possess a certain charm, despite

the condition of the roof. The original dwelling apart from the particularly noticeable. The Chapel is preserved in a state of complete disrepair, work, and a vaulting with bosses, some of which are said to have survived the most perfect of the original. But, as it runs the wall of the ruined hall, the turrets and angles of which still remain, and the transitional character of the fourteenth century are also extremely evident in proportion. At the north-eastern corner of the house stands the romantic Virgin's tower, covered in ivy and overhanging creepers. But, perhaps, the most picturesque view may be had from the moat. Here one sees the additions of later periods and



ENTRANCE TO WELLS CLOSE.

posite, is particularly striking. The exterior of the Chapter Room comes into full view; the great central tower stands boldly up against the sky; the eastern gable presents its curious apex, and the Lady Chapel below stands like a thing separate from the rest, which, indeed, is regarded as once having been its condition.

The Penniless Porch to the southwest of the Cathedral Green, as the work of Bishop Beckington, bears his initials, his arms, and the rebus which appears so frequently about the church and Palace.

The close houses of Wells, with the exception of its Deanery, have been subjected to much modern restoration, which, though remarkably well carried out, has obliterated the appearance of antiquity. The Deanery, a small, but complete, castle in itself, with tower, walls, embattlement, and guarded by its own gate-house, is originally of the fifteenth century, and still retains features of some value to the student. It stands on the north side of the Cathedral Green, the sweep of which, down to the Chain Gate, including the Grammar School

its florid adornments, not often realized in this country. The Vicar's Hall, a considerable portion of which is of the fourteenth century, with additions of a tower and other features, probably by Bishop Beckington, stands at the bottom of the street and communicates through the gallery of the Chain Gate with the Chapter House staircase, and thus with the Cathedral. By this gallery the choristers passed into the church.

The Palace does not actually belong to the close, yet it is intimately connected with it. It contains among other features of more or less antiquarian value, an undercroft of the thirteenth century, once a store-room, but now a spacious and handsomely vaulted dining hall. The Palace is considered one of the finest specimens of an early English house that exists. It is approached through a gateway of some pretension, the arch of which is known as the "Palace Eye." A moat extends completely round the mansion, which is also walled in and protected by a massive gate-house, with drawbridge and portcullis. The building is extremely interesting

the handsome window of the room in which Bishop Kidder and his wife were smothered by the fall of a stack of chimneys. Within the house there is a handsome, though small, Jacobean staircase, with carved, griffin-like figures on the posts, supporting blank shields. On the first floor a long gallery extends from north to south, lighted with the thirteenth-century windows above mentioned, that remained practically in their original condition, having large trefoiled heads. Purbeck shafts and boldly carved floriated capitals. Here is preserved the chair of the last abbot of Glastonbury, whose untimely end, on his return from London to his disestablished monastery, is hardly yet forgotten. It is a curious example of wood turning, comparing favorably with work of a much later date. But as a seat it appears less comfortable than elegant. In the gallery, also, are hung the portraits of many of the Bishops of Bath and Wells, including one of Cardinal Wolsey. The undercroft below forms the entrance hall to the house, next to which

THE OPEN HEARTH.



THE LINDSAY HOUSE.

is the present dining hall, with deeply splayed lancet lights, and a long vista between a central row of shafts, reminding one almost of the corresponding basement of the converts' dormitory at Fountain and Furness Abbeys. The servants' hall is entered under a panel opening, decorated with a shallow carving of Renaissance character, and a cockatrice in each spandril of the arch. Close to this apartment is a small office with a low mullioned window, which appears to have been the wig room of the establishment.

The attendance at the Open Hearth continues to increase as usual, and the different departments are all in good working order. The summer has proved a successful one and all are looking forward to the work of the fall and winter, with the highest hopes of good and helpful seasons. The feature of the last month was the garden fete given by the Miriam Club, composed of ladies and young girls of the Open Hearth. Hundreds of Chinese lanterns made the east lawn resplendent with light and a band of eighteen pieces discoursed sweet music, while a group of young girls, arrayed in gala robes of white, sang sweetly and gave comic speeches, to the delight of parents and friends. It was indeed a splendid and glad sight. All were happy and felt more than ever what a beautiful home had been given to the Open Hearth and how grateful all ought to feel to those who had provided it and to Superintendent Miller, who had worked so long to bring about such a delightful scene. There was not one who did not leave the spot with reluctance, and it will be long remembered by all who were present as one of the most delightful of the many pleasant evenings which have been a source of enjoyment since the Open Hearth removed from the old mansion on Front street. Cake and ice cream were served by the young ladies at the close of the entertainment.

The Girls' Club, as well as the women's meeting, are fully attended and the attendance at the men's meetings is good and the interest manifested is encouraging to our superintendent and his helpers. The wood yard is in successful operation and friends of the mission, by giving their orders, help in the support of the work materially, as this enables us to give employment, which is paid for by board to the men who come for help to the Open Hearth.

The "fresh air" excursions the past season have been a source of pleasure to many who otherwise would have had

little opportunity for such pleasure and have contributed in a high degree to the health and happiness of all.

Our citizens should visit the Open Hearth and all who come will, after seeing the work and becoming acquainted personally with Superintendent Miller, be sure to become interested in the Open Hearth and also become its warm friends after the visit.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Our Sunday-school has continued to meet regularly during the summer and, while the attendance has been smaller than at other seasons of the year, there has been a sufficient number present to warrant keeping the school open, the smallest attendance being 76.

Most of the teachers and scholars have enjoyed a vacation, but as they have been away at different times there has been little difficulty in adjusting the teachers and classes from week to week.

The special work of the summer has been the boys' meetings, the Sunday evening service and an evening school twice each week for lessons in English, reading, writing, geography, history, etc. These classes have been attended for the most part by Jews, young men who have lately come from Russia. They are glad of the privileges offered here in a Christian land and desire to become fitted for citizenship as speedily as possible. Our evening classes for this special work will be discontinued when the public evening school reopens.

During the summer vacation a gymnasium has been added to our plant to accommodate the classes in that work which were organized last season.

Other improvements have been made, such as remodeling and decorating the primary room, installing a new heating system for the whole building, etc.

The flowers which have been in the chapel yard and window boxes all summer have been admired by many passers-by. The neighbors have tried to see that the plants were protected and



Alex. Ansted

THE PALACE.

seemingly have enjoyed the flower garden fully as much as though their own.

Of course, the drinking fountain has served the passing multitude, the children not forgetting the dogs, since early summer.

When will the churches, especially those near the center of the city, recognize and use this possible ministry of providing drinking water to the public?

The chapel kindergarten reopened for the fall term Monday, September 7, with Miss Amy L. Gardner as teacher. The sewing school opened Saturday of the same week under the management of Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb, who has had charge of the sewing department for several seasons.

Miss Annie M. Sweet, who was with us last season as cooking teacher, will begin the work in that department during the coming week.

Miss Myrtie C. Calhoun, who was our kindergarten teacher for six years, was married July 29 to Mr. Frank E. Hale.

On Wednesday, September 16, Miss Adeline Pye was married to J. Wesley Rommel in the Center church. Miss Pye is the primary superintendent and Mr. Rommel serves as teacher and chorist in the Sunday-school.



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The recent social of the Ladies' Aid Society was a pleasant affair. An interesting debate took place between three ladies and three gentlemen, the judges awarding victory to the gentlemen, who were considered to have the better of the argument.

On Sunday evening, September 13, Mr. P. E. Shoemaker, chairman of the Hartford Epworth League group, made a visit to the Unionville Chapter.

Dorothy, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Burdette B. Brown, was buried on Wednesday, August 19. A simple service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Edwin P. Parker, D.D.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the guests of Mr. F. H. Turner at Westbrook the last week in August.

The end of vacation is coincident with increased attendance and interest in the Sunday-school.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Vacation being ended, we see with gladness the absentees returning. Our Sunday-school superintendent, especially, is much needed at present, as the assistant is not always able to attend to the duties on account of his health.

Rev. Geo. L. Teeple, the father of our pastor, is expected to occupy the pulpit September 20.

The quarterly consecration meeting and roll-call of the Loyal Workers' Society occurs October 4, and we would like to have every member respond either personally or by a written message. The topic will be, "Love to God Supreme."

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The rector conducted the full service Sunday, September 6, for the first time in several weeks. His voice, which has been impaired, has been fully restored, and he preached an able sermon, in which he alluded to the privilege he felt at being able again to conduct the full service.

The Sunday-school resumed its sessions on Sunday, September 13. A good attendance of scholars and teachers were present.

The Daughters of the King met for the first time since vacation on Monday, September 14. An outline of work for the fall and winter was discussed.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew held a meeting Friday, September 18, at the Colt Memorial building.

The traveling secretary of the state Brotherhood will speak. It is intended if possible to form a senior branch of the Brotherhood at that time.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The pulpit was supplied Sunday, August 30, by the Rev. Franklin Elmer, of Winsted.

Dr. Main and family returned September 3 from their vacation in the Thousand Islands.

All the regular services of the church have been resumed. The pastor preached the first Sunday evening sermon September 6, his subject being, "Lessons from the St. Lawrence River."

The Junior Endeavor Society has resumed its meetings after a vacation of a few weeks.

The following members were elected as delegates to the Hartford Baptist Association: Dr. W. H. Main, Rev. T. G. Wright, Mr. S. B. Parmelee, Mr. B. E. MacKean, Miss L. E. Brokaw.

Our pastor is to preach a series of Sunday evening sermons on, "Heroes and Heroines of the Bible," beginning September 13, on which date his subject will be, "Abraham the Friend of God."

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Our church has resumed its work after a vacation through August. Mr. M. J. Riga has been elected superintendent of the Sunday-school in place of Mr. E. C. Barnes, who went to Denver, Col., the last of July, and Mrs. A. Bel has been elected as assistant superintendent.

Mr. Riga has preparations well under way for observing Rally Day, and we hope to have all the old and many new scholars come in then.

Mrs. W. R. Edgarton, of Pittsfield, Mass., is visiting with Mr. J. H. Noble.

Mrs. Edgarton has kindly consented to give an entertainment for the benefit of our church. It consists of histories of hymns and songs and is very instructive and entertaining. It has been given in Pittsfield and was very successful there.

Dr. H. E. Snow has opened an office in the Unity building, where he will do the very best work in dentistry. Dr. Snow comes from Becket, Mass., and has been entertained at the home of R. H. Noble while he was fitting up his office.

Our church bell has been repaired and we hear its call again with pleasure.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

On Sunday, August 2, we united with the Congregational church and listened to a sermon by Rev. W. F. Sheldon.

The pulpit of the church was occupied by Rev. J. T. Hamilton, of Forestville, on August 16, and on August 23 by W. R. Roberts, of Windsor. The Congregational church united with us on August 23.

The choir spent a very pleasant evening at the parsonage on August 28.

Prof. Annis and family have returned from their vacation.

We hope to conclude our course in Bible study this fall.

On Sunday, September 20, Rev. Ralph Keeler, a student at Wesleyan College, Middletown, will preach at the Methodist church.

On Wednesday, September 23, the ladies of our church will serve a dinner to the members of the Twenty-second regiment, who are to have a reunion in Windsor.

After twenty-one years of active service, Mr. William Rogers has resigned his position as sexton of our church. His resignation takes effect October 1.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. D. D. Marsh on Sunday morning, August 16, and by Prof. C. M. Geer, on August 23 and August 30.

After his absence of about two months, our pastor received the hearty welcome of his people at the lecture preparatory to the communion service, Thursday evening, September 3, and at the service on the following Sunday.

Our annual bazaar is to be held October 7 and 8. The decorations are to be entirely Japanese, one of the special attractions being a Japanese tea room, presided over by Mrs. A. B. Alderson.

The meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society Sunday evening, August 29, was led by Miss Clara Mallory. The subject was "Home Missions," and it was one of the best of our missionary meetings. A special responsive service was used, and several of the members spoke upon subjects which had been assigned to them, relating to the foreigners in our land and the work of reaching them for Christ.

The time draws near when we are again to lose our college members. They helped to make our meetings interesting during the summer and we trust that wherever they are this winter, there Christian work will be carried on by them.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Our church has been closed for one Sunday, for much-needed repairs on the interior of the building. This is the first time for many years that the Sunday services have been omitted. Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, has taken only a short vacation from the work. He went to visit his old home in Vermont, being absent from the city about ten days.

On September 15 and 16, the Hartford Baptist Association held its annual meeting at our church.

Sunday, September 20, the Young People's Society will resume its regular hour of meeting at 6:15 p. m.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Our church services were resumed September 6, when we welcomed our pastor, after an absence of six weeks. His first sermon on his return was on "Prayer," and he seemed more earnest than ever, regarding its need in the church and its efficacy. Two members were received into the church by letter.

The Senior Endeavor Society continued their meetings during the summer and, although the attendance was small, the meetings were impressive.

The sickness of Mrs. Stone robs us for the present of her companionship and helpfulness, but we trust she will soon be among us.

Some of our members attended the Northfield conference and returned greatly blessed spiritually.

We trust the coming months may witness sincere consecration and much work for the Master.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Professor Nourse supplied the pulpit the first Sunday in September.

Communion was postponed until the second Sunday on account of Rev. Mr. Macy being obliged to be out of town on the first Sunday.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwin Welles, of New York, was baptized at the church on Sunday, September 31. The church was decorated with dahlias and hydrangeas.

Deacon Franklin Latimer has resigned as deacon of the church, having recently purchased a house in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Pimm have returned from their wedding trip in Europe.

Rally Sunday will be held the last Sunday in September.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The rector and Mrs. Harriman returned from their vacation much rested.

The Sunday-school and Friday evening services have been resumed, the former having been discontinued during Mr. Harriman's absence, and the latter for the summer.

CENTER CHURCH.

Rev. E. F. Talmadge has resigned as assistant to the pastor and as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He will take up his duties as secretary of the State Sunday-school Association about October 1.

Mr. Solon P. Davis and Mr. O. A. Phelps were asked to express for the church its appreciation of his seven years' work with us. The good wishes of the whole congregation go with him in his new work.

The Sunday-school will reopen about September 27.

A new steam heating plant has just been placed in our church in readiness for the winter.

On Monday, October 5, the exercises of the Hartford Seminary, in connection with the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Edwards, will be held in our church. President King, of Oberlin College, will deliver the principal address.

The teachers' library of 3,500 volumes was recently catalogued under the Dewey system of classification, under the direction of Miss Alice Cummings, of the Hartford library.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The new rector, Rev. Henry Macheth, assumed charge of the parish Sunday a. m., September 6. There was a large congregation out to greet him and to listen to his interesting sermon, from the text, "What think ye of Christ?" At the close of the sermon, Mr. Macheth spoke very feelingly of the late rector, Rev. Geo. R. Warner, who resigned last spring after a successful rectorate of fourteen years, referring to the affection shown for him by the people of the parish. There was also a celebration of the Holy Communion, for which the Sunday-school met for the first time this fall.

Mr. Macheth expects to move his family to Hartford about the middle of the month and reside at No. 4 Avon street.

Letters lately received from Rev. Geo. R. Warner, who is in Grand Junction, Col., report him very much improved in health and Mrs. Warner well, which news their many friends in Hartford and vicinity will be glad to hear.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The parish house is now occupied every day in the week, as follows: Sundays, a mission service at 3 p. m.; Mondays (1st and 3rd), meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at 8 p. m.; Tuesdays, meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society, at 7.30 p. m.; Wednesdays, boys' gymnasium classes at 7.30 p. m.; Thursdays, meetings of Women's Missionary Society, at 2.30 p. m., and Men's Club at 7.30 p. m.; Fridays, Penny-a-day, at 2 p. m.; Saturdays, meeting of St. Mary's Guild, at 2 p. m., and teachers' meeting at 7.30 p. m.

The vacation season being about over, our various organizations are resuming work actively and with marked interest.

SOUTH PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

We would here and now, as a church, congratulate ourselves upon the coming marriage of our pastor to Miss Helen Street, and to Mr. Ranney we would tender congratulations and good wishes according to the inestimable value of the love, esteem and appreciation with which we hold his life and work among us. May he, and his, possess health, long life and happiness.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

The Sunday evening meetings have been resumed again. Mr. Raymond and Rev. Mr. Day, of West Hartford, have addressed us.

After prayer meeting September 10, Mr. C. V. Chaffee celebrated his eightieth birthday with his mission friends at the Mission.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The prompt and generous response to the call last year for lifting a portion of the debt of the church, has led to the continuation of the plan this year. The appeal has been issued to raise another third of the debt before December 1.

Ten new members united with the Christian Endeavor Society this month, the largest number for a long time.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor enjoyed his vacation at Twin Lakes and vicinity. Superintendent Miller went to the White Mountains and Mrs. Bradley, the organist, visited relatives at Lakeville.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Forest Park, Springfield, August 12. More than one hundred enjoyed the day and the beauties of the park.

F. S. Gilbert, a converted Jew, spoke at an evening meeting here July 26, was here again Friday, September 18, when he gave a most entertaining and instructive lantern lecture on the Jewish Tabernacle. He also preached Sunday morning at our church and at the Methodist church in the evening.

The September communion service was postponed until the 13th. At that time two were received into the fellowship of the church on profession of faith. They were Mrs. G. S. Upham and Mrs. H. L. Soper.

Mr. L. H. Barnard and Miss Harriet Davis Miller were married Tuesday noon, September 15, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. R. S. Eldridge performed the ceremony.

H. L. Soper, who for many years has been a teacher in the Poquonock and Tariffville schools, but who has resided in Bloomfield for a number of years past, has moved with his family to Hartford. They will be missed very much from the community and church. Leon Soper has been an active member of the Endeavor Society and has manifested a great deal of interest in it. Mrs. Soper has but recently become a member of the church.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society has this last week packed a barrel for a missionary in Western Pennsylvania.

The directors of the Prosser Public Library have voted to open the reading room Sunday afternoons from 3 until 6, for a period of three months. This will undoubtedly prove a blessing to many who have no other access to good reading matter and it may therefore become permanent.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The Rev. J. A. Macmillan has returned from his vacation, spent in the White Mountains, and the regular services have been resumed on Sunday evenings, in place of the "Twilight" service held during the summer.

The pastor's class for Christian young people will resume its sessions Thursday afternoon, September 17, at 4 o'clock.

The Weekly Bulletin will resume publication this week, the first issue for the fall appearing Sunday, September 20.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church people had their roll-call on the evening of September 1 and it was a very enjoyable occasion. We were pleased to have with us Rev. Mr. Pidcock and Rev. Mr. Devine, state missionaries, and Rev. Mr. Connell, our pastor. All of them addressed the gathering in a very happy, genial way. The women, to whom much of the success is due, served refreshments.

Our Sunday-school went to Laurel Park on its picnic and the rain did not spoil all the fun.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The fall work of the parish began with vigor in the reassembling of Sunday-school September 13, after its usual summer vacation of some ten weeks.

There were in attendance nearly two hundred scholars, who, with teachers and officers, brought the total attendance well over 225.

An innovation is the opening of the school in two sections, one in the chapel, where the senior and intermediate boys and girls assemble, with the primary department in the room adjoining, and the other section meeting in the parish reception room. Each section has a brief opening prayer, and remains until after the lesson period, when all meet together in the chapel for a general closing service.

The kindergarten has been given a larger room upstairs, where they have a piano, and their former room given over to the primary department.

Ten new scholars were enrolled the opening Sunday.

Each scholar has been provided with a Sunday-school calendar, wherein are noted the various church services, Sunday-school lessons, hymns, etc.

The rector, Rev. E. deF. Miel, has returned with his family from the Maine woods, where their vacation was spent.

The new organ is now completed and it is planned to use it for the first service on Sunday, September 20, when, in the morning, there will be a brief service of dedication.

The parish library has not been forgotten during the summer, judging by the space that has been filled by additions of new books.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Services were resumed in the church and Young People's Guild Sunday, September 6, with a very good attendance at both services.

At the young people's meeting, the time was given up to talks on the national convention which was held at Akron, O., in July. The two delegates attending from Hartford gave some very interesting outlines of the work done and plans for the coming year.

Hartford tried very hard to get the convention to meet here next year, but was not successful, as the union at Providence, R. I., put in a stronger word for it.

Sunday, September 13, the Holy Communion was observed at the morning service.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Dr. Wm. Ashmore, who has been for fifty-three years a missionary in China, preached for us on a recent Sunday morning and in the evening at the young people's service gave a talk about China, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Rev. T. Harwood Pattison, our pastor's father, preached on Sunday, Sept. 6, and was welcomed by his many friends in the church.

Delegates from our church took part in the meetings of the Hartford County Baptist Association at the Memorial Baptist church during the past week.

The mothers' meetings are to be resumed this month.

The meetings at Riverside Park are popular and are meeting with gratifying success.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

The final resurrection of the world would not be far off if we could only bring Jesus in touch with all mankind.

—Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talbot, Presbyterian, Chicago.

The Providence of God.

Men of today cannot see God's providence. God is angry with the sinner every day, but there is good will behind the anger. Rev. L. C. Barnes, Baptist, Worcester, Mass.

Appreciating the Divine Meaning.

The minds of men in every quarter of the intellectual and moral earth are getting ready to appreciate the divine meaning in man and nature.—Rev. S. C. Eby, Swedenborgian, St. Louis.

True Worship.

God may be worshiped as an abstract, an omnipotent something, and such worship may be only a dreamy and dreary mysticism. The true worship of God is that of the human mind, which lovingly and reverently seizes hold of or broods upon the divine nature.—Rev. Dr. Barrows, Oberlin, O.

Death and Immortality.

No greater hindrance to progress could possibly come, no greater blight could fall upon human operations, no greater blow could be struck at moral attainment, than to persuade men that there is no hereafter and that death is the final visitor.—Rev. William Robson Notman, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Charm of Homes.

The charm and cement of a home are child life. Landlords deny this boon to the city home of today. The time will shortly be here when the law will compel the owners of apartment houses to provide playgrounds for children and receive them into their buildings.—Rev. Wilson M. Backus, Unitarian, Chicago.

The True Life.

We do not die when we leave here but merely shed our soul of its material incumbrance and depart to another world, where we continue to live out our existence in a sphere of greater activity and without the discomforts of having to attend to any material wants.—Rev. W. E. Bentley, Episcopalian, New York.

The Kingdom of God.

Jesus did not mean the church when he said "Kingdom of God." The church is a good thing, but the kingdom is a thousand times better. The church is exclusive and separative, the kingdom unifying and inclusive. The church requires assent to a creed for admission; the kingdom embraces all good of every race and nation.—Rev. J. T. Bradley, Methodist, Atlanta, Ga.

God's Inmeasurable Love.

One's capacity to love is the measure of possible sufferings. God's love was embodied in Jesus Christ. All human love is but an effect, is but a reflection of God's love, is but a stream from the fountain of God's love or, rather, but a drop out of the boundless ocean of the

affection of our Heavenly Father. Combine all mother love, the love of all mothers of all ages, and raise the sum total to its highest possible purity and power, and what is it but a single beam from the infinite sun of God's love?—Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

The One and Only Saviour.

God never duplicates his works. He never overdoes. He never exceeds the necessary and the sufficient. He never repeats himself. There is only one Isaiah, only one St. Paul, only one John the Baptist, only one Cromwell, only one Washington, only one Lincoln, and there is only one Christ, only one risen Christ. The world needs no more, and, as I said before, God is the great economist. He is scrupulously exact and just in the use of the eternal forces. The world needs only one Saviour, only one Christ, and God has given us only one Saviour, only one Christ—the risen Lord, who was and is for evermore the resurrection and the life.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Milburn, Congregationalist, Chicago.

What God Desires of Men.

God led his people out of bondage and gave them liberty. In their darkest and most discouraging hours God never forsook them. They had the presence of Moses as friend and guide. They went through many hard and trying experiences, but at last they arrived at the end of their destination and entered Canaan. So it is with us. Now we are on our hard and dangerous journey. There are enemies on every side. Often we are discouraged; we faint under our heavy loads. We murmur against the providences of God. This is not what God desires us to do. We are to learn patience, to trust God, to go forward under the guidance of the great leader, Jesus Christ, until at last the end of the journey will come, and we shall enter our heavenly Canaan and be forever with our God.—Rev. Dr. David G. Wylie, Scotch Presbyterian, New York.

Infallible Guidance.

We need guidance to know when to speak, when to smile, when to frown, when to direct, when to enter upon public or private enterprises, to whom to trust our hand, our heart, our property, to know what to believe where there is conflict or doubt. But there is a power than can decide in all these cases. The impulse that so often guides in the common affairs of life is like the higher impulse that comes direct from God. The more we have of his spirit the more habitual becomes this instinctive guidance. This will enable us to decide between right and wrong, to tell the true from the false, to tell where to go and where not to go, when to speak and when not to speak, when to preach and when to pray, when to lead others and when to hold back. There is such a power. Jesus Christ revealed it to us as the spirit of God, and "he will guide you into all truth."—Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Baptist, Philadelphia.

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THE HELPLESS PUBLIC.

Organized capital is a good thing for the capitalists and organized labor a good thing for skilled workmen, but when the two join hands and put up prices so that each can have all it desires, it leaves the outside public in an unpleasant position between two millstones. And the public apparently is helpless in the matter. It must pay the price or practice the sterling virtue of self-denial.

And this scheme of triple combination, so to speak, is apparently only in its infancy, yet it is strictly a logical outcome of conditions which have been for some time in existence. And it will probably remain the final outcome until the day comes, which these combinations more than anything else are precipitating, when the government takes over industries, one by one, and state socialism becomes a fact.

An article by Ray Stannard Baker in *McClure's Magazine* puts the situation forcibly by giving a number of illustrations. One of the most striking of these relates to the conspiracy between the Coal Teamsters' Union, representing the laborers, and the Coal Team Owners' Association, representing the employers. The Owners' Association agrees to employ only members of the Teamsters' Union, and they in turn agree to work for no one not a member of the association. Both sides are thus secure against competition, and there is nothing in the way of raising the price of carting coal, which promptly increases forty per cent. They calmly proceed to force the great consumers of natural gas to abandon its use; and the city is at the mercy of the allied highwaymen summer and winter.

What becomes of the private citizen that is so presuming as to show any independence is illustrated by the case of a man that went in a wagon to get his own freight during a teamsters' strike. He was promptly and openly murdered.

If conditions in Chicago are exceptional, they will not long remain so. It is a scheme which may have a setback here and there, but it will spread itself rapidly unless extraordinary measures are taken to check it. It means without doubt, an increase in cost of everything it has to do with and indirectly an increase in cost of many other commodities as well. It means that those on salaries, small tradesmen, small capitalists, professional men, etc., will find their income possessed of less and less purchasing power, and they will be correspondingly poorer.

It is an almost unmixed evil for the helpless public and a perplexing problem for statesmen to solve. Whether it will in the long run benefit those who are reaping the spoils, it is for the future to disclose.

WASTEFUL MISSIONARY METHODS.

Co-ordination of missionary effort and relatively less attention to strategic points are, according to *The Independent*, among the needed improvements in mission methods. It takes Japan as an example. "City after city in this empire is manned with three, four or five missionary families, often plus single ladies, where one or two would be sufficient, thus releasing the others for centres with no foreign resident. Why? Simply because the city is a 'strategic centre' and 'denominational interests' require the overlapping. There is one city of less than 50,000 people, where three separate varieties of Methodists are working." And, as there is waste of men, so there is of money. No sin-

gle mission board, says *The Independent*, is rich enough to establish a really strong Christian university, but it is quite within the power of four or five of them in co-operation to do this and to furnish four or five good preparatory schools beside, as Dr. Neesima's Doshisha has already begun to prove. The president of this institution, a Presbyterian layman, is Speaker of the Lower House of the Imperial Diet, two of its trustees are Episcopalians. On its teaching staff Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists co-operate. "Why," asks *The Independent*, "should not the churches of all denominations at home, by a generous policy of large endowment, make this the great Christian centre which it must become?"

President Roosevelt's Labor Day speech at Syracuse has been the occasion of much gratification among conservative Americans everywhere, and particularly among the conservatives of his own party. Among many truths ably expressed, pertinent to the problems of the present day, and well worth remembering by every American citizen, none stands out more prominently than the following: "It is an infamous thing in our American life, and fundamentally treacherous to our institutions, to apply to any man any test save that of his personal worth, or to draw any distinction save the distinction of conduct, the distinction that marks off those who do well and wisely from those who do ill and foolishly."

In making the above statement President Roosevelt doubtless had in mind the distinction sought to be drawn by certain labor organizations which have attempted, from time to time, to prevent their fellow laborers from working by their side because they were not members of the same or of any organization. Nevertheless, the truth is susceptible of far broader application. It applies with equal verity to the laborer, be he clerk or officer, who serves the government, and it would be difficult to explain why it did not apply to the case of Miss Hulda Todd, the Delaware postmistress, whom Postmaster-General Payne has just removed from office to please the Addicks Senator, Allee. Miss Todd, from all accounts, belonged to the class with those "who do well and wisely." In fact, so thoroughly does the President's Syracuse utterance voice those sentiments which have long been associated with him, and so completely at variance with those sentiments was the recent action of the Postmaster-General, that it is likely that there will be no escape from a reversal of Payne's action, accompanied by an enunciation of policy which will compel the immediate resig-

nation of the Postmaster-General.

A still further evidence of the President's determination to eliminate the spoils principle from the administration of the affairs of the government is furnished by his recent announcement that hereafter United States consuls are to be appointed to important positions only after they have demonstrated their fitness for such appointments by serving with credit at posts of less importance and modest remuneration. This announcement will be received with pleasure by the business men of the country who have frequently experienced the greatest difficulty in cultivating the trade of foreign nations as a result of the incapacity, inexperience, and sometimes worse, of American consuls. But to make the proposed step really effective, the President should go further and insure to those consuls who begin at the bottom and work their way up that tenure of office which alone can serve as an incentive to the right type of man to adopt the consular service as a profession. In the opinion of Representative Adams, Senator Lodge, and others who have made a study of the consular situation, effective improvement will be attainable only when its members are insured against dismissal at the behest of the conscienceless politician who desires to remunerate some henchman with a federal salary. During the administration of President Roosevelt the efficient consul might have nothing to fear, but unless Mr. Roosevelt takes some step to insure the permanency of his policy there is no certainty as to what may be the fate of the best consul under Mr. Roosevelt's successor.

The doors of St. Paul's now bear the prominent notice, "Smoking strictly forbidden." This leads *The Church Times* to note the indications of a growing disregard for sacred places as compared with a generation or two ago, "though we are still a very long way removed from the irreverence which once found its expression in the habit of treating the nave of St. Paul's as a place of business and a fashionable lounge."

This spirit of irreverence may take various forms, from church fairs of doubtful propriety, to sensational pulpits and indifferent congregations. The point to remember is that a church edifice is dedicated to Almighty God and actions, words and thoughts should be guided by that fact at all times and not alone in the midst of a divine service.

The outrages in Bulgaria performed by the Turks are showing up worse and worse. The Bulgarian note just sent

to the Powers is a pathetic petition for intervention. It states in effect that Turkey is systematically devastating Macedonia and massacring Macedonian Christians. The Powers addressed seem to feel that it is policy to keep their hands off and let the Turks do their worst. The nightmare of a European war seems to suppress every other motive of humanity, with the result of wholesale butchery of Christians.

It is high time that the Turk was abolished at whatever cost. It is the duty of Christian Europe to put a stop to his infamous rule. The United States of America will not stand in the way.

October is convention month among the churches. Beside the Episcopal Conference for all America, the Missionary Council, and Brotherhood Convention, there will be a meeting of the American Board, the oldest missionary society in America, at Manchester, N. H. The Lutheran General Council will also meet in October at Norristown, Penna., and the Methodist Church North is to have a missionary rally at Philadelphia. The Presbyterians, anticipating the October custom, have placed their Sunday-school Rally Day on September 27, but this involves no gathering in convention. The chief business before the American Board is the deficiency in income. It now supports 549 missionaries, and spends \$845,105. More money is also the hope of the Methodist meeting. The Lutheran Council is attempting to agree upon a common Sunday-school service, which it will commend to other Lutheran bodies. It has also a new liturgy under way.

Trinity Church is now equipped with a new organ and the First Baptist Church will soon be similarly fortunate. Hartford must certainly stand in the front rank for the proportion of fine organs to its churches.

Rally Day will soon be here and may the rally spirit extend to every branch of church work and not alone to the Sunday-school.

"The church which is not a missionary church," said the Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, "will be a missing church during the next fifty years, its candle of consecration put out, if not its candlestick removed out of its place. As ministers and churches of Jesus Christ, our self-preservation is conditioned on our obedience to the great commission. Now it is preach or perish! evangelize or fossilize!"

The measure of success is the degree in which men make themselves valuable to others.—A. E. Dunning, D. D.

UNITY CHURCH.

Services were resumed September 13. Rev. Mr. Waste, the pastor, officiated. He gave a very interesting sermon on "Modern and Mediaeval Ideas of Sin." The Sunday-school held a short session, but not all the classes were called together, as many are still absent from town.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school, Chinese school and Young People's Society have resumed sessions.

The annual business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held Wednesday evening, September 16.

The state convention of the King's Daughters will be held in the church the first week in October for a two days' session. Mrs. James Nichols has charge of all arrangements.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Our first meeting after the summer vacation was held in G. A. R. hall, our meeting place for the coming year, on September 8. The date of sessions is now the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

THOUGHT OF STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

Paul D. Moody, the son of the well-known evangelist, was a power for righteousness while a student in Yale University. At the same time he was jolly and rollicking, and very popular with his class, says the *New York Times*.

One day he was drawn into the exhilarating game called "Nigger Baby," on the college campus. Through a conspiracy on the part of the rest of the students, it devolved upon him to pay the penalty of the game, which consisted in crouching against Alumni Hall while the other players, fifty feet away, took three shots at him with a tennis ball. Great were the hopes of the Philistines that a worldly, undeaconlike cry would burst from the target at some stinging hit; but none came.

"I guess you swore under your breath once or twice, anyhow, didn't you, Paul?" a fellow-player asked, when the ordeal was over.

"No, I didn't," replied Moody, frankly. "But I tell you, when Bob Robertson (the 'varsity pitcher), was throwing, I appreciated as never before the magnificent fortitude of Stephen, the stoned martyr."

YOUNG MEN'S NEED MET.

In this commercial age and nation it is of prime importance that a young man should know how to write a good hand, to figure out the ordinary problems in arithmetic, to keep simple accounts and to apply the principles of business to the affairs of everyday life. Many young men lacking such knowledge have been crowded to the wall, and the place taken by young men, who by special preparation, have become better men.

The Young Men's Christian Association, whose object, through its various features, is to help young men in living more useful and beneficial lives, observed this condition, and, true to its object, established a commercial department in the Hillyer Institute, a practical night school for men. In this department arithmetic, bookkeeping, spelling, penmanship, commercial correspondence, shorthand and typewriting are taught.

A large army of men, however, are employed in factories, so that the commercial department does not appeal to them. Their need is a knowledge of those subjects that will help them in their work. The Institute meets their need by offering thorough and practical instruction in its Industrial Department in architectural, mechanical and free hand drawing, design, carpentry, forging, plumbing and woodwork for boys.

It has also been learned by a careful study of the conditions of young men, that courses in English, French, German, electricity or algebra are of great assistance to young men in rendering better service to their employers and increasing their chance for promotion. These subjects, therefore, appear in the curriculum of the Institute.

In addition to the classes, the Institute induces two clubs, debating and camera. Other clubs will be organized to meet the demands.

The Institute is well equipped to carry out its extensive and varied work. The equipment consists of large and well lighted rooms, adjustable drawing tables, modern desks, fine woodworking, plumbing and forging shops, fitted for mechanical work, electricity and drawing rooms, with apparatus, casts and models.

The instructors are of high reputation, and long experience in their specialties, many of them being employed in the schools of Hartford. Hundreds of students have testified to the practical value of their teaching and to the rare and unselfish personal devotion they have shown in their work. They both teach and require thorough and painstaking effort in the classes. There is no room for idlers or persons without an earnest purpose in their lives. Every earnest and faithful student receives the help and stimulus of these devoted instructors without stint and carries away the impress of true-hearted men and women.

The Institute, as has been intimated, is not a money-making organization, but exists to help young men help themselves. On this account very small tuition fees are charged, so that no one need be deterred from the privileges of the Institute. This is made possible by the income from our endowment.

The Institute will open on Monday evening, October 5. There will be, however, an exhibition of the work of former students from Monday, September 28, to the time of opening. All young men are invited to come to the

Young Men's Christian Association and inspect it. A catalog giving full particulars in regard to the Institute can be secured at the Association.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Mr. C. N. Ruedlinger, whose advertisement appears on another page, has done much to beautify Hartford in his work on parks and lawns.

Grading and artistic planting are specialties in which Mr. Ruedlinger excels. His work in spraying for the Elm tree beetle and other tree and plant pests, has also been highly commended for its thoroughness and effectiveness.

"Well, parson," said the man, "my mind gi'e me to go troo' de New Testament. I have had four boys. The first was named Matthew, the second Mark, the third Luke, and the fourth John. Now this, the fifth one, is to be Ax (Acts), parson."

The Allyn House barber shop, of which we give an interior view on page 3, is one of the largest and best appointed in Hartford. Under the management of Mr. A. G. Perkins, it has come to be patronized by the best people of Hartford and its suburbs. With seven chairs, and as many skilled barbers in attendance, there is no necessity for wasting much time waiting.

Another feature, recently installed, is a department for manicure and chiropody. Miss M. M. Dunnell has been secured to take charge of this department, and her skill at this profession is unsurpassed in Hartford.

Farmer Barnes—Yes, poor Josh Medders wuz run over by an auto, but he seems happy.

Farmer Hedges—Does the doctor say he can recover?

Farmer Barnes—No; but the lawyer does.

The Hartford Charcoal Company for several years has supplied the Hartford trade with a superior article known as "Brown's Quick Fire Charcoal." It is a strictly hard wood charcoal and, though ignited with remarkable ease, has lasting qualities not found in charcoal of local production, which is usually made from softer wood and improperly manufactured.

The bags are larger than most others, being of a standard half-bushel size. The retail price is 12 cents per bag, and more real fuel for the money is guaranteed in these packages than in any other brand.

This company has also in stock and ready to execute orders for promptly, a first-class grade of anthracite coal in all domestic sizes. See their advertisement on another page.

Ah, they are these bits of struggles, in which we learn to fight the great ones; perhaps these bits of struggles, more than the great ones, make up life.—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

Mr. W. E. Wallace, the nurseryman, will open on October 1, at 294 Asylum street, with a full line of trees, plants, shrubs, etc. for fall planting. Visitors are invited to call and inspect the stock as early after opening as convenient. Selections made will be delivered, or if desired, planted, at later dates, if preferred.

THE SPECTRAL CLOCK.

That clock haunted me. As I was going out from that lonely room I saw that the clock was going too; but I stopped it! "Not so fast!" I hissed, thrusting back both its hands.

Then I set it—under the mattress. Heavens! I could hear the clock ticking in the bed-ticking.

The clock had often alarmed me, but never like that.

I seized it in my trembling hands and gazed at its white face. "Your hours are numbered!" I muttered. That was plain—on the face of it.

I wound it up tight—with a rope.

Then I ran wildly down the hall.

The clock ran down too!

I sprang from the cliff, and watched to see the clock spring. It did! and struck twice—heavily—against the rocks and lay still with its hands over its white face.

"Your time has come!" I shrieked—"and gone," I added sorrowfully, shaking it and holding it to my ear.

Then I woke up.—*Lippincott's Magazine.*

REQUIRED A DETECTIVE.

"Excuse me," said the detective, as he presented himself at the door of the music academy, "but I hope you'll give me what information you have and not make any fuss."

"What do you mean?" was the indignant inquiry.

"Why, that little affair, you know."

"I don't understand."

"Why, you see, we got a tip from the house next door that somebody here was murdering Wagner, and the chief sent me down to work up the case."

"What would you do if you could play the piano like I can?" asked the young lady of the housemaid.

"Shure an' Oi wouldn't get discouraged at all, at all. Oi'd kape right on larnin' till Oi could play it dacently," was the reply.

The following notice was given from a suburban pulpit: "The pastor will preach his last sermon this evening prior to his vacation, and the choir have arranged a special praise service for the occasion."—*New York Observer.*

"Why ain't you at school, little boy?"

"I stayed away on account of sickness, sir."

"And who is sick, if I may ask?"

"The truant officer, sir."—*Puck.*

"Say, mamma," queried little Mary Ellen, "what's a dead letter?"

"Any letter that is given to your father to mail, my dear," replied the wise mother.—*Chicago News.*

This is the best day the world has ever seen. To-morrow will be better.—R. A. Campbell.

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.—Charles Lamb.

Seen in their true relations, there is no experience of life over which we have a right to worry.—Anna Robertson Brown.

Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of one's self.—H. W. Beecher.

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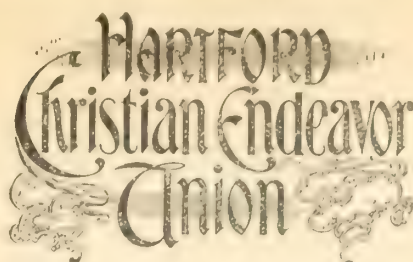
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HARTFORD UNION NOTES

The program is nearly completed for the district meeting to be held in connection with our annual gathering October 23, at the Center Congregational church. The speakers include Rev. R. H. Potter, Rev. C. H. McCormick, Rev. Burdette B. Brown and Rev. H. E. Peabody, of this city, Rev. Mr. Kingcott, of Lowell, Mass., Rev. H. P. Schaffner, of Berlin, and Rev. C. H. Bell, of New Britain. The speaker for the evening, it is to be hoped, will be Prof. Amos R. Wells.

The directors will meet in a short time, and as this will be the last meeting of the present board, a full attendance is desired, as we act as the nominating committee and all societies should be represented.

Any society not having paid their dues to the Union treasurer should do so at once.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 20—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Why and how we should bear witness for Christ.—Acts v, 27-32.

Times change with the passing years and centuries. Witness bearing for Christ is very different today from what it was in the time of the apostles in the early Christian centuries and amid the denominational controversies and antagonisms of the later centuries. Then to bear witness for Christ meant the possibility of serious persecution and even martyrdom. But Christian men and women did not falter in their witnessing for these reasons. The apostles, when commanded not to teach in the name of Jesus, kept on teaching, and when brought to task for their disobedience calmly but boldly replied, "We ought to obey God rather than man."

Today we are not called upon to witness for Christ under the same circumstances or at the risk of the apostles and early Christians, and yet the duty of witnessing for Christ is just as incumbent upon us as upon our ancestors in the faith. Methods have changed, but the thing itself has not changed. 1. We should bear witness for Christ because we have been divinely commanded to do so. Christ has commanded us to let our light shine, to confess Him before men, and we also ought to obey God. While there are no men today to command us not to teach in His name, there are

often other things to discourage us in our witnessing, but they should not be allowed to have dominating power. 2. We should bear witness because of what Christ has done. He has died on the cross to save the world from sin, and the world needs to know the love of His life, death, resurrection, ascension and of His power to save. And if the world does know, the church must give forth this knowledge, and every Christian should do his part as a witness bearer. 3. We should bear witness for Christ because we will want Him to confess us. He has promised to confess us if we confess Him and declare that He will not confess us before our Father in heaven if we do not confess Him upon earth.

As there are different reasons for confessing Christ, so there are different ways of confessing Christ. 1. There is the confessional method, the confessing of Christ by uniting with the visible church of Christ. All who believe in Christ should confess Him in this way, take their stand among the people of God and let the world know where they stand. 2. The evangelistic method. This is presenting Christ to those who have not accepted Him. We should witness for Him by telling others what He has done for us and leading them to accept Him. 3. The epistolary method. This is the living method, being "living epistles, read and known of all men" that we are Christians.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. cvii, 1-3; cxlv, 1-12; Dan. vi, 10-20; Matt. v, 14, 15; x, 18-33; Mark viii, 34, 35; Luke xxiv, 45-48; John xii, 42, 43; Acts i, 8; Rom. x, 9-15.

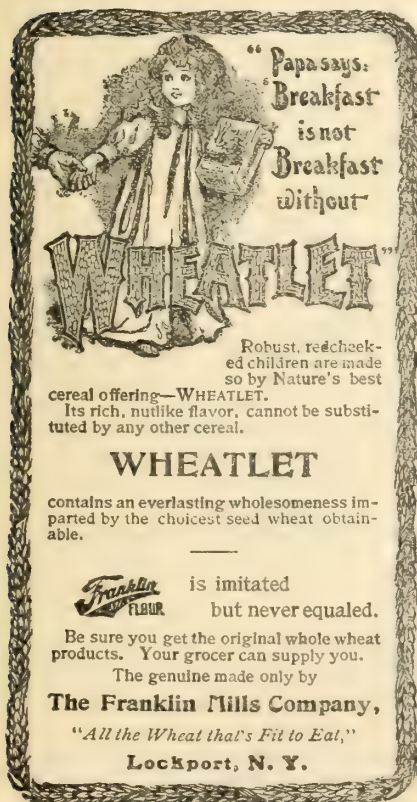
Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 27—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—An evening with Japan.—Missionary, Mar. iv, 2, 3.

The prominence of Japan among the nations of the world, its rapid progress in modern civilization and the successful propagation of Christianity in the empire all go to make this subject an unusually interesting one. Every missionary committee should arrange a programme of special attractiveness and thereby interest all in the meeting and, what is still more important, in the winning of the empire of Japan to Jesus Christ.

Japan is composed of a number of islands which stretch in a crescent shape along the northeastern coast of Asia from Kamchatka to Korea. Their area is about 160,000 square miles. In location and climate the islands of Japan resemble Great Britain. The climate is temperate, the soil fertile, the air healthful and food abundant. Flowers and fruits abound and the skies are beautiful and clear.

The Japanese people are kindly, accessible, quick to observe and are ready to adopt whatever may seem to promote their present good. They are sensitive, fond of changes, yet devoted to their government and traditions. The people are divided into two principal classes—the samurai, including the military and literary classes, and the



hel-min, or agriculturists, merchants and artisans. The Japanese are intellectually of a high order, but of a low moral standard. Truth, purity, temperance, unselfish devotion, self denial, are all sadly wanting, which demonstrates their need of the gospel of Christ. Shintoism, Buddhism and Confucianism are the principal religions of Japan.

Catholic missionaries under Francis Xavier went to Japan in 1549. By making the transition to papal Christianity very easy, merely the substitution of one superstition for another, many converts were soon won. But the political intrigues of the Jesuits soon aroused opposition, the Catholics were exterminated, Christianity and foreigners forbidden an entrance into Japan and the island empire became shut off from the world until won over to a different policy by our own Commodore Perry in 1854.

The Christian church soon took advantage of the opening of the Japanese ports. Missionaries were at once sent in, and after years of faithful labor results were produced. The church of Japan was born in prayer. In January, 1872, the English speaking residents of all denominations united in observing the week of prayer. The results were tremendous. Past suspicion and prejudice passed away and for the first time the Japanese were on their knees in a Christian prayer meeting, pleading to God for His spirit. From that time on the work has been successful. In 1877 a number of missionary agencies combined their efforts. There are now seven denominations in this union, which is called "the church of Christ in Japan." They include the Reformed and Presbyterian denominations of the United States, and this union is one of the strongest bodies of Christians in the empire.

Recent events have made Christianity more powerful than ever in Japan. The empire has come closer to the great Christian nations of England and the United States. Many Japanese students are being educated in these countries. Unlike China and India, in Japan the educated and cultured classes have been favorably disposed to the gospel. A great revival has within recent years been in progress in the island and thousands have been won for Christ. Let us earnestly pray for a continuance of this revival spirit until the entire land shall have become Immanuel's land. May the Sun of Righteousness come indeed to the empire of the Rising Sun and with healing in His wings.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. xxxv, 1-10; xlii, 10-17; lli, 7; lx, 8, 9; Nah. i, 15; Matt. v, 14, 15; xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 1-8; Rom. x, 14, 15.

Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 2.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic—Great men of the Bible. What Abraham teaches us.—Gen. xli, 1-8; Heb. vii, 1-10; Rom. iv, 1-9.

With this topic we begin the study of the lives of a number of Old Testament worthies—Abraham, Joseph, Mo-

ses, David and Elijah. Biography is one of the most interesting and profitable of studies.

Lives of great men and women
We can read of their lives and
And learn of their lives and
Footprints on the sands of time.

This is particularly true of sacred biography. The lives of the men of the Bible have had a tremendous influence in uplifting the lives of others. They were given to us for examples, and we should take advantage of this course in sacred biography and learn the lessons that their lives teach us.

Abraham was the son of Terah and was born in Ur of the Chaldees. The first great event in his life was a call from God to leave the land of his nativity and to go to Canaan, which land God promised to give to him and his descendants. Abraham obeyed, taking with him his wife Sarah and Lot, his nephew, and his servants. Living a nomadic life, they went down through Canaan, stopping at various places, and finally were compelled by famine to go to Egypt. After returning to Canaan the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot quarreled about the pasture and the uncle and nephew separated. "Lot pitching his tent toward Sodom" and the cities of the plain, while Abraham pastured his flocks in the lands to the west. These events afterward resulted in the capture of Lot by the enemies of Sodom and his rescue by Abraham. God frequently made covenants with Abraham, promising him a son and seed as the stars of the heaven in multitude. At last Isaac was born, and when he was grown God put Abraham to the severest test of his life when he called upon him to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice unto Himself. But Abraham stood the test and God saved Isaac and pronounced His blessing upon Abraham. Sarah died before Abraham and was buried in the cave of Machpelah, which Abraham bought for that purpose. Machpelah was near Mamre oaks, where Abraham once sojourned for a time. Here Abraham himself was buried, when he "died in a good old age, an old man and full of years." His age at death was 175.

Abraham from time immemorial has been taken to teach especially faith and works; not faith without works, or works without faith, but faith and works.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. xvii, 1-8; xviii, 23-33; xxi, 1-8; xxii, 1-19; xxv, 5-10; Isa. li, 1, 2; Matt. iii, 7-9; John viii, 31-40; Heb. xi, 8-10; James ix, 20-26.

Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 11.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic—Great men of the Bible. What Joseph teaches us.—Gen. xli, 14-16, 42, 46.

The life of Joseph reads almost like romance, and yet it is true, and one of the lives that illustrate that truth is stranger than fiction. The favorite son of his father, he was treated with unusual consideration. The jealousy and envy of his eleven brethren were aroused, and after a determination to

take his life they did sell him as a servant to merchants traveling to Egypt. Here he started in a lowly position, and was even subjected to a false charge and to a false imprisonment. But, wonderful to tell, he was, in the marvelous providence of God, raised from the prison to the palace. He became second only to the king, and saved both Egypt and his people, the Israelites, from starvation during a famine of seven years' duration.

1. Joseph teaches us trust in God. Undoubtedly, in all his years of adversity, Joseph must have kept his trust in God firm and secure. His life must have seemed a hard one at times, his future must have looked dark and foreboding, yet God watched over him, and when he trusted Him he was not put to shame. All have their adversities. No pathway in life is strewn alone with flowers. Let us learn from Joseph to trust God along the rough ways.

2. Joseph teaches a lesson in purity. His act in resisting the advances of the wife of Potiphar, even at the risk of his life, demonstrates the great purity of his heart and life. This lesson needs to be impressed upon us today. Impurity in thought, word and deed abounds all about us in life, and many people make no effort to restrain their passions and appetites. Let us follow the example of Joseph, remembering the words of the Master, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

3. Joseph teaches a lesson in forgiveness. His forgiveness of his brethren stands as one of the most conspicuous illustrations of Old Testament forgiveness. It bears a likeness to the spirit of the Master when He prayed, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." It is hard to forgive sometimes, but we should forgive one another, "even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us."

4. Joseph teaches a lesson in God's providence. "It was not you, but God, who sent me to Egypt," said Joseph to his repentant brethren. God was working out His plans in the life of Joseph. So he is in all our lives. Our God is a sovereign God. He moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, but He moves and performs His will. Our lives are in His hands. Let us rejoice over that fact and then strive more and more to come into complete harmony with His will.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. xxxvii, 28-36; xxxix, 1-4; x, 26; xlv, 1-15; i, 22-26; Josh. i, 7; Ps. xlv, 1; Matt. v, 8; Rom. viii, 28-39; Rev. ii, 10.

Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 18.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic—Great men of the Bible. What Moses teaches us.—Ex. xxxiv, 28-35; Matt. xvii, 3, 4; Heb. iii, 1-5.

The life of Moses is the most easily remembered of all the Old Testament characters. It is divided into three equal periods of forty years each. He was born in Egypt and spent his first forty years there, being trained in the

home and afterward in the palace, where he learned all the wisdom of the Egyptians for the work which God had in store for him. His second period was spent in Midian, whither God sent him after a serious exhibition of impulsiveness that He might teach him the lesson of patience. The third period of his life was spent in leading the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan, and, this accomplished, God called him up higher. Alone with God on Mount Netto he "fell in sleep" and was not seen on earth again until he appeared with Moses upon the Mount of Transfiguration.

The life of Moses is rich in practical lessons, and the difficulty is not what to say, but what to leave unsaid in the limited space before us. Yet some lessons in the life of Moses stand out more prominently before us, and these may be mentioned.

1. Moses teaches the importance of education for a successful life work. Many deery education, but it cannot be done without in the light of Moses' life. God educated him in the home, in the learning of the schools of Egypt and in the great school of experience before he had him ready for his life work. He spent eighty years in preparing him to do forty years' work. And it paid. His life stands out in great prominence as the deliverer of his nation and, under God, its founder and lawgiver. Too much time and study cannot be spent in preparing for a life work if it is to be a great and successful one.

2. Moses teaches a lesson on Christ. In many respects he was a type of the Christ who was to come to Israel and to the world. But, with all his greatness, he cannot be compared to Christ. Moses served God as a servant, Christ served Him as a son, and if we honor and try to imitate the life of God's great servant how much more we should honor and love and imitate the life of the Son of God? Christ was far superior to Moses, and should therefore have a far more superior place in our hearts and lives.

3. Moses teaches a lesson in faithfulness to God. With but one exception, an act of disobedience that cost him an entrance into Canaan, Moses was most faithful to God. He carried out his instructions in relation to Pharaoh, he followed his guidance in the wilderness and organized the nation and the national church upon the lines laid down by God, and God rewarded his faithfulness. He took him to Himself and honored him beside Elijah in that most interesting scene in the life of Christ upon the Mount of Transfiguration. Like Moses, let us be faithful and there will be laid up for us "a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give us in that day."

BIBLE READINGS.

Ex. ii, 1-10; iii, 1-10; xii, 21-28; xv, 1-18; xxxiv, 29-35; xxxvi, 2-7; xxxiv, 1-12; Josh. i, 1-7; Matt. vii, 1-8; I Cor. xv, 58.

Christian Endeavor Progress.

The increase campaign is a concerted movement for the formation of new Christian Endeavor societies and the addition of new members to the old societies. It was set on foot last November, and its success already marks a new era in the Christian Endeavor movement. A roll of honor exhibited at the Denver convention contains the names of many hundreds of societies that have increased their membership since November from 10 to 1,000 per cent, an aggregate of hundreds of thousands of new members. The following table shows the number of new societies formed since November in the various state unions, together with the percentage of gain over the number of societies in those states last November:

	New societies.	Percent of gain.
Alabama	39	11%
Alaska	2	13 1-3
Arizona	1	3%
Arkansas	18	8 1-2
California	61	4
Colorado	68	17 1-4
Connecticut	15	2
Delaware	6	6
District of Columbia	14	9
Florida	3	14
Georgia	16	12 1-2
Idaho	4	4
Illinois	74	2
Indiana	206	10 1-4
Indian Territory	4	5 1-4
Iowa	65	3 1-2
Kansas	49	7 1-2
Kentucky	14	2 1-2
Louisiana	17	19 1-2
Maine	49	5 1-4
Maryland	46	10
Massachusetts	104	6 1-3
Michigan	43	10
Minnesota	31	3 1-4
Mississippi	6	5
Missouri	176	13 1-4
Montana	6	7
Nebraska	50	..
New Hampshire	27	6
New Jersey	46	2 1-4
New Mexico	15	34
New York	171	3 1-4
North Carolina	25	5 1-4
North Dakota	9	4 1-4
Ohio	335	10
Oklahoma	37	14 4-5
Oregon	65	14 1-3
Pennsylvania	154	3 1-4
Rhode Island	10	4 1-4
South Carolina	10	8 1-5
South Dakota	6	2
Tennessee	16	2 4-5
Texas	22	2 1-4
Utah	7	10 1-2
Vermont	24	5 1-4
Virginia	15	4 1-2
Washington	63	15 1-4
West Virginia	34	12
Wisconsin	91	11 1-4
Wyoming	2	6 2-3
Assinibola, Canada	8	13
Grand total	2,460	

Additions to the Church.

During the past year 175,000 have come from the ranks of Christian Endeavor into the membership of the churches, and thousands more would have come if more pastors had appreciated what a magnificent field for evangelistic effort God had placed at their hand.—William Shaw in General Secretary's Report at Denver Convention.

Not "Shall," but "How."

The question for us to consider this year is not "Shall we expand?" but "How can we best expand?"—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark.

A Director of the Training School.

Christian Endeavor has always had in President George B. Shaw, D. D., of Auburn Theological Seminary, a warm friend, a loving adviser and an untiring supporter.



REV. GEORGE B. SHAW

A. T. D.

filling the position with marked distinction. He is much in demand as a convention speaker and never fails to interest and instruct an audience. He recently formed the Christian Endeavor Correspondence School For Training Christian Workers.

Sparks.

The Presbyterian society of Bement, Ill., composed of forty-five members, last year gave \$150 to missions.

In a post office of northern Japan the clerks have formed themselves into a Christian Endeavor society to win their Buddhist companions to Christ.

Rev. Dr. Jacob Chamberlain says that undoubtedly the Christian Endeavor society will advance the evangelization of India by a full generation.

Suggested by an Endeavorer.

Martha Washington's face is on the new eight-cent postage stamp at the suggestion of a Christian Endeavorer, Miss Julia Frazer of Oakland, Cal. Assistant Postmaster General Madden has acknowledged in a letter that her article in the Ladies' Home Journal, "Why Not a Woman's Face?" suggested the idea to him.

South Dakota Enthusiasm.

Field Secretary Eberman writes of a South Dakota minister who rode ninety miles on his bicycle to attend a convention.

Colorado State Badge.

Colorado can boast one of the neatest of the many state badges.



The Christian Endeavor monogram is given unusual prominence in it. State badges play an important part in every international convention, serving to introduce Endeavorers from "far-studied climes," and in many other ways proving valuable to their wearers.

WOMEN WHO DRINK.

STARTLING CONDITIONS IN THE HIGHEST SOCIETY.

What Two Prominent New York Clergymen Have Seen With Their Own Eyes and Their Deductions Therefrom.

That drunkenness among women is increasing at an alarming rate in New York is the opinion of two of the city's clergymen, the Rev. Dr. Willis P. Odell of Calvary Methodist Episcopal church and the Rev. Dr. Louis Albert Banks.

At the close of a recent service, when he preached a temperance sermon for women, Dr. Odell had the pledge freely circulated through the congregation. It has been signed by 1,000 women of his church. The pledge reads:

"I solemnly pledge myself to abstain from the use of all spirituous and malt liquors, wine and cider as a beverage and to discourage in all honorable ways the manufacture, sale and use of the same by others."

Dr. Odell says:

"The situation is really alarming. Evidences multiply on every hand that liquor drinking is rapidly increasing among women. One has but to watch the delivery wagons which call at the homes of this city to see that cases of 'wet goods' are an important item in the list of requirements for many households. Special attention is given by the liquor interests to supplies for the table, and dealers are wideawake to the opportunities of enlarging their business in this direction.

"At hotels and fashionable clubs and restaurants liquor is everywhere in evidence. It is a common thing to see a group of women chatting together over their glasses, while obsequious waiters stand ready to serve them as they do similar parties of men. The absence of any consciousness of impropriety attests the commonness of the practice.

"Not long ago I sat in a downtown restaurant alone, quietly eating lunch, when a beautifully gowned woman entered the room and took a seat at the next table. She was so near I overheard her directions to the waiter. She said, 'Bring me a whisky straight.' In a few moments the order was filled. The waiter placed whisky before her and a small glass of water. She pushed the water aside and drank the whisky at one draft without blinking. Then she arose and passed out. Evidently that was not her first experience. She poured that liquor down with as much relish as any Bowery loafer ever drank.

"Bishop Coleman of the Protestant Episcopal church said recently that he was thoroughly convinced from his observation that in the city of New York drunkenness among women was rapidly increasing. He continued: 'I am sorry to say that this intemperance is found among the mothers who have the care and instruction of our future

men and women. It is a sad outlook when mothers are not living in soberness and chastity.'

"It would be easy to gather abundant testimony to sustain the bishop's assertion. Any one who has his eyes open cannot be in doubt about it.

"Sad as are the results of drinking among men, they are not so fearful as those which follow the use of liquor by wives and mothers.

"Here we have before us an evil of dreadful proportions. It is impossible to get away from the facts. The intemperance of women is a frightful reality. It is steadily increasing among us. It is destroying all that is refined and beautiful in those whom God intended to be the chief supporters of righteousness. It is ruining the families of multitudes and training up a host of youth to wickedness and crime. It is undermining the very foundations of society by attacking the defenses of virtue."

These views are fully shared by the Rev. Dr. Banks, who cites one specific instance of drunkenness.

"Only a few weeks ago," says Dr. Banks, "from a Fifth avenue mansion a well dressed woman was taken in a carriage to the alcoholic ward of one of our city hospitals. Everything that could be done was done to conceal the identity of the young woman."

These clergymen attribute the growth of the drinking habit among women to a variety of causes, among which they place first the nervous, excited life people lead in a great city like New York.

Drink in the German Army.

The hereditary prince of Saxe-Meiningen, commander of the Sixth army corps, who recently issued an order advising soldiers to lodge complaints when they were ill treated, has issued another corps order against drunkenness. He points out to the privates the damaging effects of alcohol on the health and usefulness of men and directs the regimental doctors to demonstrate to the soldiers its evil effects authoritatively and in a kindly manner. About 1,700 instances of drunkenness were punished in the Sixth corps, numbering 25,000 men, last year.

Evils of Beer Drinking.

Dr. Delbruck of Bremen, president of the antialcoholic congress, has furnished some striking information with regard to the injurious consequences of excessive beer drinking in Germany. He said the idea of beer drinking as a means of combating alcoholism was erroneous. "The belief that delirium tremens is unknown among beer drinkers is a mistake. It is impossible to convey by statistics the extent of the misery caused by beer alcoholism."

Death of a Temperance Leader.

William Shroton Caine, the leader of the temperance element in the house of commons, died in London recently. He was a progressive Liberal and represented Cornwall, Camberne division, in the house. He was sixty-one years of age.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The season's work at the Young Men's Christian Association is opening up with promise of large things. The Hillyer Institute will open its department with a public reception to young men Monday evening, September 28. Plans are being made to entertain a large number of men. Mr. Walter Waters, a well-known New York entertainer, has been secured and will be assisted by Mr. Leon A. Wheeler, violinist, of this city. There will be an exhibition of the work of students of last season, and the building will be open for inspection. All men are invited to be present.

The third season of star entertainments will have the first selection for seats Monday, September 28, beginning at 9 a. m. One of the strongest that the association has ever presented to the public has been provided. A Lyceum course of fourteen numbers has also been arranged for, and the association will present some of the leading orators of the United States to the citizens of Hartford. Sunday afternoon meetings for men only, opened the first Sunday of September. Illustrated addresses are being given, this month by Hon. John Wilder Fairbank, of Boston. During the Sundays of October, Rev. Ora Samuel Gray, a brilliant young preacher of Amherst, Mass., will give four addresses. The bible school for men opens Tuesday, October 6. Five departments of study are offered this season.

The association has just completed drilling an artesian well and has been successful in securing a flow of splendid water, which will be used in the swimming pool and bathing department, thus saving the association annually a large sum of money, besides giving an ample supply of clean, fresh water. Other valuable improvements have been made during the season in the building, greatly increasing the value of the membership to young men and boys. The management anticipates a very active winter.

WANTED, TWO WITNESSES.

In Wyoming, women have had the full ballot for thirty-four years. For the last fifteen years, the advocates of equal suffrage have had a standing challenge, inviting its opponents to find two respectable men in all Wyoming who assert over their own names and addresses that it has had any bad results whatever. The opponents have thus far failed to respond.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." The men who have had the longest experience of equal suffrage are the best pleased with it.—Progress.

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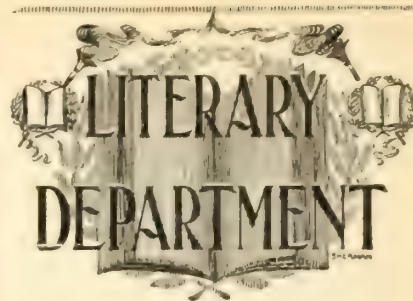
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"The Horse in America," is, perhaps, the widest reaching topic in the September *Century*. It is treated by John Gilmer Speed in a manner to awaken discussion, and there is a rare collection of pictures of famous horses, which will themselves be attractive to all who are interested in the development of the horse in the United States. It is followed by a paper on "The Berlin Bourse," by William C. Dreher, who describes German methods on 'change and compares them with those of New York.

The same number contains two portraits of the late Pope, a drawing from life by Andre Castaigne and a frontispiece drawing by H. T. Tobin from a photograph. Accompanying these is a brief appreciative article by Cardinal Gibbons on "The Character of Leo XIII.," based on personal impressions.

McClure's Magazine for September contains two articles of special note. The first, entitled "Capital and Labor Together," by Ray Stannard Baker, shows up Chicago as a victim of a combination between organized labor and organized capital. The second, entitled, "The Conquest of Five Great Ills," by Cleveland Moffett, describes the wonderful work of the Pasteur Institutes throughout the world. There are also several illustrated stories of marked excellence in this number.

The story of "The Papal Conclave" is perhaps the most news-like feature of the *Cosmopolitan* for September, though Sir Thomas Lipton's remarks about "My Efforts to Win the America's Cup" will be of greater interest to some readers. An article by Clara Morris on "A Chip of the Old Confederacy: Jubal A. Early," is undoubtedly one of the best bits of work in the magazine field for some time, and it is commended as especially worth reading. Other stories and articles in wide variety are offered.

A glance at the contents of the September *Woman's Home Companion* reveals a wealth of good things. It opens with a thrilling story of love and danger, called "Winning Through Fire," by Will N. Harben. Zoe Anderson Norris has a timely story, "The Yacht;" Holman F. Day's "Confessions of a Sewing-Machine Agent" are minutely funny, and there is a charming sketch of animal life called "Toby." Feature articles of great interest are "The Good Works of the Lutherans."

Besides keeping up its summer record of nine short stories and a serial, *Leslie's Monthly* for September has a varied assortment of more serious articles. The first and most attractive of them is a little essay called "The Heart of a Man," which interprets a delightful series of drawings of children by E. B. Knipe.

Dame Fortune seems to smile on the efforts of the young men who are at the helm of *Everybody's Magazine*. They have scored a third magazine "beat" in the September number, with a character study of Joseph Pulitzer, who, at the moment, is one of the most conspicuous personalities before the American public.

One of the most interesting of the special articles in the October *Pearson's*, is "Feeding a Great City," by Mr. Frank W. Hawthorne, a vivid description of the handling of the huge volume of fresh fruits and vegetables daily delivered to the New York market for the consumption of its four millions or more of population; the figures given are surprising. John-a-Dreams contributes "A Chat with E. H. Sothern," an entertaining sketch of the dramatic careers of the two Sotherns. The cover design of the magazine is a sketch of E. H. Sothern in the title role of Captain Letterblair.

Good-Bye, Proud World. By Ellen Olney Kirk. 362 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

There is a certain condescension and picturesque despair about the title of this book, which warns one that no levity may be allowed to creep into a review of it.

So, although one feels that as a patient atom in that "proud world," the author deliberately, if sadly, is giving us a "slap," and disowning us, the book still requires consideration.

It is a vigorous story of a young girl who has fought her way through difficulties, to success in a newspaper office. Through the necessities of the plot she is obliged to accept an unexpected legacy and gives up the "proud world" and goes to live in a beautiful Connecticut village. There, everything is perfectly lovely, and ideally romantic, and nobody is bad, and there is a hero and all the other things that make everybody "live happily ever after," and so, while rather conventional in its construction, the story will not disappoint those who require literary entertainment, not requiring too great depth of thought, nor too deeply involved a plot.

The Wings of the Morning. By Louis Tracy. 354 pages, 12 mo. New York: Edward J. Clode, Publisher. Price \$1.50.

The remembrance of the fascinating romances of "An American Emperor" and "The Final War," will arouse pleasant anticipations of this story by everyone who knows the former books by this author.

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Aids to the Study of Dante. Edited by Charles A. Dinsmore. 430 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

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The Hermit. By Charles Clark Munn. 106 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lee & Shepard. Price \$1.50.

The sub-title, "A Story of the Wilderness" referring to the vast forests of upper Maine—, gives an apt impression of the mystery and weird beauty of this tale of love and romance, written by the author of the popular "Uncle Terry," and the less popular, but more worthy, "Pocket Island."

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The characters, depicted with so much skill and insight—such characters as "Old Cy Walker" and "Aunt Comfort," the unceasing interest of the plot, the grasp of language for widely differing emotions, all remove from this book the excuse for calling it, as one would like, a simple tale of a beautiful love.

The book is worthy of commendation such as one can rarely give unqualifiedly for the faults of the work are so few as to not merit mention.

The Maids of Paradise. By Robert W. Chambers. 388 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price \$1.50.

Those readers who like an engrossing tale that is full of action and dialogue and fairly plausible, will be as much pleased with this latest story by the author of "Cardigan," as they were by that unusual book.

The scenes are laid about Paradise, a beautiful village of France, during the Franco-Prussian war, and there is a rush and vigor to the story which holds the interest from the first. Unfortunately, a certain triviality and bombast creeps in before the story ends and a repletion of false sentiment mars the artistic possibilities of the book.

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Red Headed Gill. By Rye Owen. 347 pages, 12 mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.50.

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The Vagabond. By Frederick Palmer. 476 pages, 12 mo. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

Another war story might not be welcomed were it not for the name that is signed as the author's. Frederick Palmer is a man whose experience has been real, who knows that a Quartermaster-Sergeant is not distinguished by silver-barred epaulettes and other things that some other writers of "war stories" seem to be ignorant of.

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Harrison Fisher has furnished some excellent drawings for the book.

Cap'n Simcon's Store. By George S. Wasson. 287 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

The fast-disappearing American deep-sea fishermen, types of whom have been depicted by various writers, are portrayed anew and with an appreciative sense of humor, and a perceiving and artistic eye for significant details, in the sketches and stories collected in this

volume. Some of the stories have appeared in magazine form and so will have a familiar look to a few readers, but nearly all will bear re-reading.

The stories, "Who Fell from Aloft?" and "Rusticators at the Cove," though the latter seems a trifle exaggerated, will be recalled with pleasure many times by those who read them, as indeed might be said of the other stories as well.

The Red-Keggers. By Eugene Thwing. 430 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Book-Lover Press. Price, \$1.50.

This is the story of incidents in the history of a Michigan farming and lumbering community called Red Keg. The romance that threads through the dramatic and vivid scenes, is an unconventional one and will be enjoyed by all who read it.

The characters are well depicted and the story convincing, though some of the incidents have a slightly familiar sound, due no doubt, to the fact of other writers of contemporary note having written of the same life.

The scene in the school-house at the close of the session is full of humor and is, as well, a brilliant depiction of most interesting characteristics of quaint human nature.

The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come. By John Fox, Jr., 404 pages, 12 mo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

One who began to read this story as a serial in Scribner's magazine gave up with a determination to read no more serials. It was tantalizing to meet and love the "little shepherd" and then have to wait the convenience of the publishers before learning his whole career. So the book was waited for and read with earnest pleasure, real enthusiasm and a growing admiration for the hero—a true hero.

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The House on the Sands. By Charles Marriott. 345 pages, 12 mo. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.50.

A political novel, such as one would assert this primarily to be, does not often essay also to solve social and ethical problems, and to develop a story of tender affection. The author, having undertaken such a contract, comes very near to proving himself justified in his self-confidence.

The principal character, Godfrey Julian, attempts the carrying out of some artistic plotting but, while failing in his first object, he succeeds in winning the love of the woman who had helped to thwart him in his scheming.

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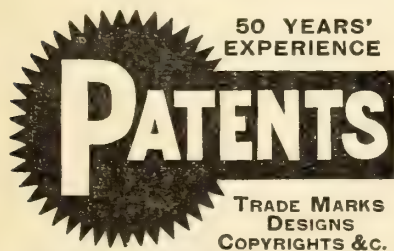
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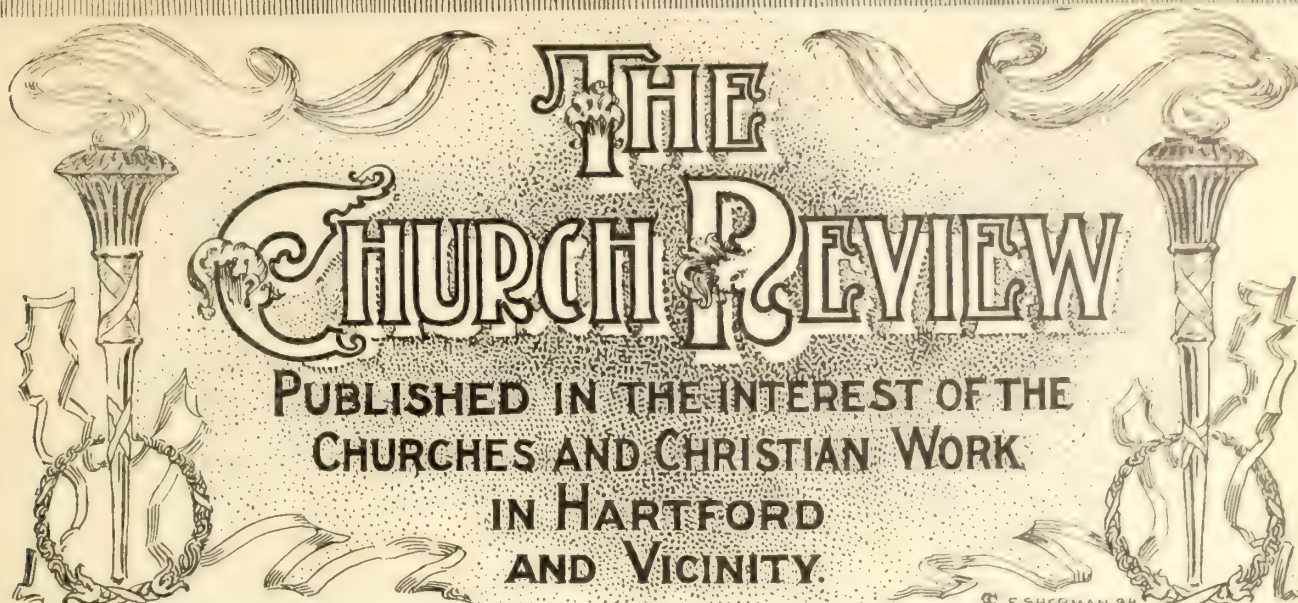
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By slow self-conquest, comradeship with
pain,
And patient seeking after higher truths.
We cannot follow our own wayward
wills,

And feed our baser appetites and give
Loose rein to foolish tempers year on
year.

And then cry, "Lord forgive me, I be-
lieve,"

And straightway bathe in glory. Men
must learn

God's system is too grand a thing for
that.

The spark divine dwells in our souls,
and we

Can fan it to a steady flame of light,
Whose lustre gilds the pathway to the
tomb,

And shines on through Eternity, or else
Neglect it till it glimmers down to
death,

And leaves us but the darkness of the
grave.

Each conquered passion feeds the living
flame;

Each well-borne sorrow is a step to-
wards God;

Faith cannot rescue, and no blood re-
deem

The soul that will not reason and re-
solve.

Lean on thyself, yet prop thyself with
prayer,

(All hope is prayer; who calls it hope
no more,

Sends prayer footsore forth over weary
wastes,

While he who calls it prayer gives wings
to hope).

And there are spirits, messengers of
love,

Who come at call and fortify our
strength,

Make friends with them, and with thine
inner self;

Cast out all envy, bitterness and hate,
And keep the mind's fair tabernacle
pure,

Shake hands with Pain, give greeting
unto Grief,

Those angels in disguise, and thy glad
soul

From height to height, from star to
shining star,
Shall climb and claim blest immortality.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WHY AM I A CONGREGA- TIONALIST?

BY HENRY E. PEABODY.

An Address given at the Y. M. C. A.,
June 7, 1903.

First, because my father was. That
is often made light of as being a poor
reason. On the other hand I hold it to
be a very good reason. Why do I wear
a shoe with a high instep? One rea-
son is, because my father did. Another
reason is because it fits me. And those
two reasons are closely allied to each
other.

Likewise Congregational ways and
customs and habits of thought fit me
partly because my father had them;
and by some of the surest laws in God's
world, the laws of heredity and environ-
ment, they became my ways and my lik-
ings before I was old enough to think
for myself. And if Congregationalism
fits me, that is a very good reason why
I should put it on, unless in good con-
science I find reason for doing some-
thing else.

Of course if my father had convic-
tions and habits which my mature, in-
dependent judgment accounted wrong or
unwise, that is a very different matter,
but if my judgment approves his, and if
his working harness fits me, that is a
weighty reason why I should wear it.
I can probably do better work in it,
feel more liberty in it and be of more
service to God and man in it, than in
some other.

We know how weighty a reason, as
a matter of fact, this is with the vast
majority in all denominations. We are
therefore glad to find that it is a good
reason, having its roots in God's eternal
laws.

For it is a reason that lays hold of
God's deep laws of human progress. In
practical affairs,—and the church is a
practical affair, the practical embodi-
ment of Christ's ideal religion,—in
practical affairs, the present does not

make progress toward the greater fu-
ture by ignoring the past, and thinking
out its own problems as if it were the
first day of creation. That is what the ac-
ademic French Revolutionists did in their
struggle for liberty a century ago. They
reasoned as if they were the only peo-
ple who had ever lived. They despised
the experience and wisdom of the past.
They said, "We will be independent and
do all our thinking for ourselves." The
Anglo-Saxon struggle for liberty which
was going on at the same time conserved
the experience and wisdom of the past.
They built with what was good in the
past, forsaking the past only when it was
bad. Thus they achieved liberty more
surely, even if it seemed more slowly.
They were walking in the true path of
progress both for truth and liberty.

A further reason for my being a Con-
gregationalist is that the Congregational
church offers me the simplest way of
being a Christian. We Congregation-
alists have loved simplicity. We want
our creeds and forms of worship to be
as few and simple as is consistent with
the best Christian living.

The essential faith and the convictions
about Christian service that I hold, I
have found to be practically identical
with those of the vast majority of Chris-
tians whom I have met, of all the dif-
ferent Protestant denominations. I say
the essential faith and convictions about
service; not by any means all points of
faith and practice, but what are to my
mind essential to being a whole-hearted
Christian. Some other denominations
hold some additional doctrines of suf-
ficient importance to make them the
watchword of a separate fellowship of
Christians. For example, if, in addi-
tion to the body of Christian convictions
which I hold, I should add this one,
that the only valid form of baptism by
water is the form of immersion, and if
I held this added conviction to be im-
portant enough to make an issue of it
and to make it the sign of a separate
fellowship, then I should probably be-
come a Baptist. But while I respect
that Baptist conviction and their per-
fect right to hold it, I do not believe
that that conviction is of sufficient im-
portance to make an issue of, or to sep-
arate me in fellowship from other Chris-

them, and in all other respect are like myself. I hold this especially since the Congregationalists are perfectly willing to baptize by immersion or by any other of the historic forms of baptism.

"Therefore to some to separate and better not to do," this conviction as one can make no issue at to make the sign of a separate fellowship. So I stay a Congregationalist.

So, finally, if I were to add to my sum of Christian connections, the one of Apostolic Succession that demands an unbroken line of the physical laying on of hands from the apostles to the present, before one is entitled to be a minister of the church of Christ, and if I further believed that conviction to be important enough to make an issue of between Christians, then I should probably become an Episcopalian. But not seeing it "so," I find it simpler and better to remain a Congregationalist. Likewise I might speak of other sister denominations.

It must be said, however, that there has been one conviction of less importance in the mind of some other denominations, which Congregationalists held to be of sufficient importance to make an issue of, and to separate them from other Christian communions. And that is the issue of Liberty, the liberty of each separate congregation to govern its own affairs in all things religious, without the outside authority of any magistrate, or bishop, or any human authority whatsoever beyond itself.

This issue, for which our fathers suffered persecution, is so conceded in this free country that it sounds strange to hear that the first people in England who dared believe in it and act on it in the early days of Queen Elizabeth, were imprisoned and hanged for practicing this liberty. Daring to conduct their own worship in other ways than those commanded by the State Church, they had to hold their services in secret to escape arrest by the police. They had good reason, therefore, to separate into a fellowship of their own, and because of this they were called Separatists, which was the first historic name of our denomination. Later a little Separatist church near the east coast of England was so persecuted that they fled to Holland and afterward, as you have long heard, came in the ship Mayflower to these American shores. But even in England this struggle for religious liberty grew until it came to a head in Cromwell and his party, who were then called under the new name of Independents. Still later, came into use the name of our denomination which is most common to-day, the name Congregationalist, which signifies that each local

congregation has all the essential functions of a church of Christ, and governs itself in all religious matters; accepting advice and counsel, but not government, from its sister churches. We should remember that many other denominations are also congregationalists in their church government, notably the Baptists; also the Universalists, Adventists, Unitarians and many others.

Our denomination, therefore, has come into being, not on an issue of doctrine, but on an issue of government. Its history has been one phase and an important one, of the Anglo-Saxon's victorious struggle for freedom, of which our Revolutionary and Civil wars were another phase.

We stand for and we enjoy religious liberty, not only from the State, but from any church courts or legislatures. We hear for instance in the newspapers of heresy trials in the Presbyterian courts, but we are not troubled by them.

Liberty then has been the issue for which we have stood until now. Whether that issue has been important enough to warrant a separate fellowship of Christians, judge ye.

But some people have said that however great may have been the value of our championship of liberty in the past, now we love it too well and are sacrificing other important things by making a hobby of our liberty. I confess that there is danger that we prove this charge true, for excessive liberty becomes license and too great independence becomes isolation and weakness.

A leader of one of the episcopal denominations once said: "I have a little respect for the Presbyterians. They have some pretense to a church government. But those Congregationalists! It is nothing but a special interposition of divine Providence that keeps them from religious anarchy." The stubborn fact, however, that the Congregational churches have been conspicuously law-abiding for centuries is weighty evidence to the contrary.

Yet liberty in itself, is not a sufficient end of being and of effort. "Liberty for what?" is a question which must be asked. What ends have we been and are we achieving through the liberty in which we stand? We are bound to furnish a worthy answer to this question also.

First, we believe that the religious liberty as exercised in our churches is fitted to produce the highest type of Christian manhood. To put into the hands of the common people, as soon as they are ready for it, the complete government of their own affairs, has ever been accounted by its opponents a dangerous thing, but it has in the event

proved a most salutary thing. A democracy obedient to its own laws is the best place to develop manhood, and a Congregationalist church is a thorough-going democracy. Each member of it is the peer of every other. Its leaders are merely brethren, with some acknowledged special gift from God to serve the others. Its leaders are not authorized to give orders except in the name of the whole body. Individual responsibility throughout the whole body and individual initiative asked for from each member, these take the place of obedience to the few by the many. Universal responsibility and initiative under law that governs all alike,—these are what develop character and make the most rounded, strongest men and women.

At the opposite pole from us in church discipline are the Jesuits, the extreme party in the Roman Church. With them unquestioning obedience is everything. Responsibility and initiative reside in the superior. The average Jesuit has little or no responsibility beyond doing as he is told. He is a hand to execute. The brain and will reside in another person behind him. But while that system makes a marvelously efficient army for quick results, it has not proved the method of church government by which to develop in the people intelligent, strong, symmetrical character and manhood. This is shown by the modern history of Spain, Austria and other countries, where the Jesuit discipline has most completely prevailed.

If you would see such character and manhood look to those countries and communities where ordered liberty has prevailed among all the people. Our Congregational churches are such a community.

But let us never forget that any organization, be it church or otherwise, in order to be of any power or use, must have either orders and obedience on the one side, or general responsibility and initiative on the other. The Jesuit organization is at least effective, but there is real danger that we, while resenting the idea of unquestioning obedience to our church officers in our insistence on liberty, decline also to take individual responsibility and initiative. And that fatuous policy reduces any church to the inorganic state of a jelly fish. It is worth while for each member of our free churches to ask himself, "How much individual responsibility and initiative am I taking?"

Next after character and quality, the great demand of the present age for any organization is efficiency. Is the liberty of our Congregational churches being used for the ends of efficiency? Here is our danger. Here in many cases



THE BEAUTIFUL ALHAMBRA, THE FORTIFIED MUDIR OF THE MOORISH CALIPHS



SANTA FE, SPAIN, WHERE COLUMBUS MET FERDINAND AND ISABELLA

is our weakness. But in multitudes of cases it is not so. It need not be so, and in the long run I am persuaded it will not be so.

On the contrary there are over-quick methods of getting efficiency. The Jesuit method that once astonished the world by its efficiency is such an over-quick method. In the long run its efficiency will be far inferior. It sacrifices too many things to efficiency. It sacrifices liberty for one thing. It sacrifices the intelligent, self reliant character of the common people for another thing.

Our Congregational liberty is content with a slower-growing efficiency, which while it leaves much to be desired at present, will be the greatest efficiency and power for good in the end.

One reason for our contentment is that we know in these days, that the chief element of power is "the man behind the gun." Character and manhood among its members must ever be the greatest element of lasting efficiency in any church or organization, and this as I have said is the first care and reward of our polity. We seek for efficiency by fostering manhood through liberty. We can afford to wait for full-grown power. We had rather be an oak than a cotton-wood tree.

And no one who keeps himself informed of the drift of sentiment among our Congregational churches is ignorant of the fact that there is a most rapid development of the spirit and machinery

too, of consolidation of our churches for various ends of efficiency. Great changes are taking place with us, and ought to, in the line of efficiency in the work of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. We have too long made a fetish of our independency and almost worshipped it.

Do we expect, looking to the far future that in the end all other denominations of Christians will become Congregationalists? By no means; any more than we expect that they all will become Methodists or Romanists. But the universal church that will overspread the peaceful earth when the Kingdom of Heaven shall have fully come, will have in it the elements of truth and liberty which the Congregational churches have stood for, and for which they will stand for long years to come. Indeed, those elements of truth and liberty will not have full being in the great triumphant universal church, unless the Congregationalists do stand and continue to stand for them, as God shows us the path of progress and ever enlarging truth.

The coming universal church would be less than it will be and poorer, were it not for the contribution which Congregationalist achievement and history will make to it. And I might say the same of the Baptist church, of the Greek church, and all the other true branches of the church of Christ. Let us cease thinking that we Congregationalists, or

any other true church will abandon our history or our name in order to find our place in the great universal church. If we are faithful to all that is good in our history, and only so, we shall take that history with us into that universal church. And we shall never forget that history, nor its honored name, except in contemplation of the greater triumphant church which includes all its branches, and except in adoration, all party names transcended, of that name which is above every name, in which every knee shall bow to the glory of God the Father.

FOOTPRINTS OF COLUMBUS IN SPAIN.

BY FREDERICK A. OBER

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Site of Isabella's Tent at Santa Fe

While America, the country discovered by Columbus, was the scene of his most wonderful adventures, and while undoubtedly the remains of the great navigator still occupy a tomb in the city of Santo Domingo, it is in Spain that we must seek memorials that take us back to the first years of his mature life, before he set out on the voyage that made him forever famous.

These memorials are scattered throughout Spain to-day, and may be traced after the lapse of centuries. In



INTERIOR OF MOSQUE, AT CORDOVA.

the great armory of Madrid his armor displayed, the naval museum contains one of his charts, a convent-church at Cordova is adorned with the first gold he brought from America, in Salamanca is shown the hall of audience

same in both France and Spain, the hotels of the latter country will compare favorably with those of the former, and an American is everywhere received with courtesy and attention.

It will hardly be necessary to narrate

than seven hundred years. Hence the schemes of a mere adventurer like Columbus were not at first listened to—more weighty matters claiming the royal attention—and it was only upon the intercession of Père Marchéna, who had formerly been Isabella's confessor, that the Genoese gained the opportunity he had so long desired.

But even after having secured Isabella's undivided attention, and using all the arguments that might sway a



CITY GATE OF SANTA FÉ.

where he met Queen Isabella, and also at Cordova, the city of the beautiful mosque. Charming Seville contains the "Museo Colombina," founded by his son Ferdinand. In the pavement of its cathedral is the slab placed there by this dutiful son, with its world-famous inscription: "A Castilla y a Leon, Mundo Nuevo dio Colon" (To Castile and Leon, Columbus gave a new world), and here are the "archives of the Indies," which have not been fully exploited to the present time.



MARBLE EFFIGY OF THE MOOR'S HEAD.

Fortunately for the convenience of the traveler, one may take all the Columbian memorials pretty much in sequence, with a short digression to Salamanca, by following the main line of the railroad from Paris, southward to Seville and Granada. Travel by rail is much the

the events in the life of Columbus, prior to his appearance in Spain, in 1482, for his biography is part of our history, and is known of all men; but we may mention, perhaps, that his advent was in the south of Spain, and it is in Andalusia, that favored region blest by Nature and adorned by art, that we find reminders of his visits most thickly clustered. Sent to Isabella by the Duke of Medina Celi, who had a fine seat not far distant from Cadiz, Columbus followed her court to Cordova, thence to Salamanca, returning to Cordova in 1487 and accompanying the army to the military camp at Malaga. In 1489 he was under the walls of Baza, where he witnessed the surrender of Boabdil, the elder, and met some monks from Jerusalem, thence returning to Seville and Cordova, whence he departed for Huelva, probably intending to leave forever a country so hostile to his schemes.

While on his way to Huelva (now an important copper port), Columbus stopped at the convent of La Rabida and held the historic conference with its prior, Père Marchéna, who at once championed his cause and engaged to interest the queen. The result of the prior's intercession was the recall of Columbus to court (then held in the military camp at Santa Fé, while the siege of Granada was going on), where he arrived in January, 1492, just in time to witness the surrender of this last stronghold of the Moors.

It may be said in defense of the procrastinating attitude of Ferdinand and Isabella, in their intercourse with Columbus, that they were then engaged in bringing to an end that campaign of long duration, which finally resulted in the expulsion of the Moors from Spain, after they had held possession of it more



Armor of Columbus, in Royal Armory, Madrid.

sovereign anxious to extend the borders of her kingdom, Columbus was unable to convince her of the practicability of his schemes, and in sorrow and sadness left the royal pavilion on his return to



MOORISH WATCH TOWER, at Granada. Overlooking Santa Fé and the Bridge of Pines.



THE HISTORICAL CONVENT OF LA RABIDA.

La Rabida and the coast, with the intention of seeking other lands. The Spanish army of expulsion had invaded

the vega of Granada in April, 1491, and had selected the site of the present city of Santa Fé, with Granada full in sight, as a strategic center of operation. Tents were pitched, then huts of wood erected, and these were the beginnings of the city which at first was merely a fortified camp. The spot upon which Isabella's tent was placed, and where she gave audience to Columbus, is to-day marked by a cross beneath a great stone canopy. Near this cross stands a church, subsequently erected, in which is a silver lamp presented by Isabella, and which contains between its towers the marble effigy of a slain Moor's head, in memory of an event that happened in Granada, when a Christian knight vanquished the pagan in single combat.

A most interesting city, and one rarely visited, is Santa Fé; and it is especially of interest to Americans because here transpired events that led directly to the discovery of America. Failing to bring the queen to his terms, Columbus turned about and retraced his steps; but he had not proceeded more than two leagues on his journey before he was overtaken by a courier from court, who commanded him in the queen's name to return. He had reached the bank of a stream flowing through the vega which was spanned, as it is to-day, by a quaint old bridge, known then, as now, as the "Bridge of Pines." This bridge, in fact, was the turning point in the career of Columbus, and may also be called the point at which the voyage to America really began; for Columbus went back to Santa Fé, where he concluded the arrangements which eventuated in the discovery of the western world.

Later on, after the Moors had surrendered the city of Granada and its defenses, Columbus met the sovereigns in a court of the beautiful Alhambra, and there made the "capitulation" by which he became "Admiral of the Ocean Sea," lord over the country he was to discover—and many other things that Ferdinand afterward refused to sanction. But no matter; for the time being he was happy, for he had accomplished all he sought. He hastened back to La Rabida, traveling all the way by donkey via Seville and the quaint town of Moguer, and at Palos completed his arrangements for the voyage. All the world knows of this voyage, and its consequences, but few people not native to Spain have visited poor little Palos and La Rabida, whence sailed the caravels that composed the little fleet. You may reach Palos now by rail from Seville, covering in a few hours the distance of sixty miles; but when Washington Irving, the first American to make Columbus and his voyages well known, took the trip, he had to journey on horseback with attendants mounted on their patient "burros."

Palos to-day is a wretched apology for the Palos of Columbus' time, having lost its fleet of merchant vessels, its great personages who lived there, like the Pinzons, and its commerce. The old church of Saint George still stands, from the porch of which was announced to the trembling people of Palos their sovereigns' commands to prepare a fleet, and send forth with Columbus their best sea-faring men; but there is scarcely another memorial of that eventful time.

More interesting than Palos is the convent of La Rabida, standing a league or so beyond the town and directly above the river, down which the little fleet sailed at the beginning of the voyage.

Here is the old convent exactly as when Columbus first halted at its gate, and as he left it when he said farewell to Père Marchena, for it has been restored and is in charge of a trusty servant of the crown. Here you will find the very room in which Columbus slept the night before setting out for America, the court whose flags he trod while conversing with his friend the prior, and the "mirador," or tower, from which a view is outspread of the Rio Tinto and the Domingo Rubio, down the channels of which he sailed ere he crossed the bar of Saltes, and set his sails to venture on the unknown sea.

If one would trace further the travels of Columbus in Spain, he would be compelled to follow after him on his return from the first voyage, from Palos to Barcelona, where he found the court and exhibited to his sovereigns the trophies of his discovery—the wild parrots, Indians, spices, tobacco, maize and nuggets of gold.

The second voyage was outfitted at Cadiz, whence sailed a mighty fleet, contrasting strongly with the first small caravels, and it was Cadiz, as well as Seville, that benefited more than other cities from his discoveries. Most of the places identified with Columbus in Spain, in fact are in the south, in Andalusia; but there is one spot of sad memories, and that is Valladolid, where at last, worn out and broken-hearted, the great discoverer expired May 20th, 1506. The house is still pointed out, and also the convent near Seville to which were taken his remains, prior to their removal to Santo Domingo, where, as already mentioned, they probably rest, despite the efforts and evident belief of Spaniards to the contrary.



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held its first sewing society and supper of the season in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon and evening, October 7. The attendance was very good and the time was pleasantly spent.

The ladies held a bag sale at the church Wednesday, October 14, from 3 to 7 p. m., where one could find bags of all descriptions and uses.

The centennial celebration of the adoption of the Winchester Profession of Faith, was held at Winchester, N. H., September 30 and October 1. Several members of the Hartford church attended, including the pastor, Dr. Adams, who reports a very pleasant and interesting time. The services and exercises were held in the church where the Profession of Faith was adopted one hundred years ago.

The Young People's Guild observed post office mission Sunday, with a special service, at which the attendance was very gratifying, it being the largest for some time past.

The semi-annual business meeting of

the Guild was held in the church parlors Monday evening, October 12. Considerable business was transacted and some plans for the coming winter were talked over. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Ernest C. Day; vice-pres., William Lanton; rec. sec'y, Miss Bertha Wallace; cor. sec'y, Miss Ada F. Fulton; treas., Louis S. Butts. The meeting was successful in every way.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Nine of our young men united with the church at our last communion and more are to follow.

On September 27 our Sunday-school observed Rally Day. Mr. Jennison spoke on what the scholar can do for the school, Mrs. Geo. Clark on what the teacher can do for the scholar, and our pastor made some general remarks. The floral decorations arranged by Mrs. Dow's class were beautiful, and there was a large attendance.

On October 4 our pastor delivered an interesting address on the "Life and Character of Jonathan Edwards," it being the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Elmer Bannon has been engaged to sing tenor in our church quartet.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The last consecration meeting of our Y. P. S. C. E. was full to overflowing. At a previous meeting different members were requested to call on all members, consequently we had an inspiring meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrton T. Smith spent Sunday, October 11, with Mr. and Mrs. Erwin K. Smith, sec'y Y. M. C. A. in Winsted. They report a successful sectional C. E. meeting in that town, held at the First Congregational church.

Members of the chapel attended a meeting at the Wethersfield Baptist church last Thursday evening. After the meeting refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held its annual business meeting recently and elected the following officers: Pres., John C. Bidwell; vice-pres., Charles F. Pratt; recording secretary, Grace D. Thayer; corresponding secretary, Nellie B. Willard; treasurer, S. R. Braman.

The eighth annual convention of the Connecticut Branch of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons was held in this church October 6-7. Mrs. Margaret Bottome, president of the order, gave an address Tuesday evening. The session closed Wednesday noon.

Our assistant Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. Fred H. Forbes, recently forsook bachelorhood and the Sunday-school presented him and his bride a very handsome bookcase. May they live many years to enjoy it.

Three of our active Endeavorers have removed from our circle: Miss Abbey to continue her art studies in Boston, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawes to Brooklyn, N. Y., where Mr. Hawes is engaged in business.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday, October 4, was Rally Day in the Sunday-school. There was an excellent attendance, three new classes being

added with Miss Esther Henry, Miss Turnbull and Miss Howard as teachers. Miss Alice Welch will teach the class which Mrs. Bramard had last year.

Rev. Mr. Ranney spoke earnestly about making to a thing when once entered upon, namely, regular attendance at Sunday-school. Mr. Beadle, the superintendent, announced that we would raise forty dollars toward the tuition of Polly, one of the bright girls in Berea College, who could not otherwise go on with her education.

Sunday, October 11, Miss Virginia Dox came to tell us about Berea College and the condition of the American people in the Kentucky mountains.

The vesper service on Sunday, at 4 o'clock, has been resumed. The music is inspiring and the short sermon interesting and profitable. All are cordially invited to feel at home here, where all costs are free.

There is noted a more social atmosphere in the Christian Endeavor Society and the meetings continue very helpful to those who attend. Would that every young man and woman in Park Church and vicinity might be personally interested in that aid to the success of our church.

Mr. Ranney was married in our church October 7, and the reception which followed in the chapel was a delightful social occasion.

October 11, Rev. Charles H. Williams preached, in the absence of our pastor.

Thursday evening at 7.45, Rev. Chas. S. Thayer, Ph.D., will make an informal address, at the midweek meeting.

The Mission Circle spent a delightful afternoon, October 3, at the home of Miss Dunham in Unionville, and Friday, October 16, at 2.15 will hold its annual meeting.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL

The annual church fair and entertainment took place in the town hall, October 8 and 9. There was a large attendance and the financial result was very gratifying to those having the management. There were nine booths representing, by appropriate decoration and articles for sale, all the months in the year, save January, February and March. The entertainment was under the management of the Young Ladies' Society.

October 11 was observed as Rally Day by the Sunday-school. The unfavorable weather reduced the attendance very materially, but the program was carried out as arranged. The pastor preached in the morning from the invitation extended by Moses to his father-in-law: "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." The singing at the morning service, too, was unusually fine.

There was a Union prayer meeting at the Baptist Church, Thursday evening, October 15, the object being to extend a welcome to the new pastor, Rev. H. M. Wolfe, who comes here from Watertown, this state.

FIRST METHODIST.

Sunday, October 11, was Rally Day.

Dr. McCormick is to give us a series of sermons on "Helps and Hindrances to Character Building." First, October 11, "Companions;" second, October 18, "Business;" third, October 25, "Religion." We invite all who can to come on Sunday evenings, as these addresses will be of great interest.

On Sunday evening, October 11, we

had the pleasure of listening to a solo by Mrs. Francis A. Smith, "My Redeemer," by Dudley Buck.

On Wednesday evening, October 14, the Epworth League will hold a social at the home of Mrs. O. A. Chapman, Burnside Avenue, East Hartford.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Work on the new parish house has already begun.

The first Sunday in October was observed as Rally Day in the Sunday-school. Nearly three hundred were present. Appropriate exercises were given by the school and remarks were made by the pastor and by the city missionary, Mr. Gillette.

The vesper services have been resumed, being held at 4.30.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its opening meeting, October 2. A large number were present, vacation experiences being related and light refreshments served during the afternoon. The society is to form a class in basketry in connection with their other work.

The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, also the Willing and Kind Circle, have resumed their work for the winter.

Sunday morning, October 11, Rev. Mr. Reinhold of Windsor Locks preached in exchange with Mr. Peabody.

A church social will be given Friday evening, October 16. The Choral Club is to be reorganized during the coming week. It is hoped that the club will consist of fifty voices.

The Christian Endeavor Society has had some interesting meetings. One, a missionary meeting, was addressed by Miss De Busk, who spoke of her work in Mexico. The last meeting was in charge of a Christian Endeavorer from Talcottville. The next meeting is to be a rally meeting, at which a history of the society is to be given and our first president, P. P. Bennett, is to have charge.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The work of the church for the year has opened with a strong force of workers and will be greatly facilitated by the use of our new parish house, which will be completed by the first of the new year.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society is packing three boxes for missionaries in this country.

The Young People's Federation has had one meeting and is starting the winter's work. The Junior Circle of our federation is a strong factor in getting the children together, and will have its first meeting this week.

The church was closed during August. This fall the pulpit has been occupied by Rev. Mr. Schaffler, of Berlin, Rev. Alexander Merriam and Rev. Charles L. Stearns, of this city. Mr. Twichell returned from his vacation the last of September.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church people surprised our pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, on the evening of September 19, by a pleasant call and a present of a small purse of money as a reminder of his birthday.

On Tuesday evening, September 29, a harvest supper was given for the benefit of the Sabbath school, which was a suc-

cess. On Thursday evening, October 8, upon invitation from this church, a large delegation from the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, of the Suffield Street chapel, came down and attended the prayer meeting. At the close of the meeting, which was led by Mr. Connell, refreshments were served in the church parlor, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Devine preached Sunday morning October 11.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Men's Club gave a box sociable, Thursday, October 15.

St. Mary's Guild resumed its meetings Saturday, October 10.

The Girls' Friendly will present the play entitled "Champion of Her Sex," at the parish house, October 22 and 23. Admission, 15 cents.

The curate is busy calling on all the Sunday-school children.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold its annual bazaar in the church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 28, 29 and 30. Fancy and useful articles, baked goods, and confectionery, will be for sale. There will be a domestic booth, a Ladies' Home Journal booth, and a children's booth. Supper will be provided for those who desire. There will also be an entertainment each evening, to which an admission fee of ten cents will be charged.

October 11 was observed as Rally Day in the Sunday-school.

Rev. Burdette B. Brown attended the Missionary convention of the eastern states held in Philadelphia, October 13-15.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

A class for Bible study has been organized and meets at the homes of different members from week to week.

On Friday evening, October 9, a social under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., was given at the parsonage. Quite a large number were present and a pleasant evening was spent.

At the close of the service Sunday evening, October 11, two members were received into the church by baptism.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. S. E. MacGeehon preached in his own pulpit Sunday, September 13, the first time since his vacation.

Sunday evening, September 20, a Chautauqua talk was given by W. R. Purple, at the church.

Wednesday evening, September 23, a reception was given to Rev. and Mrs. MacGeehon, in the church and the infant class room. It was a delightful affair. The rooms were tastefully trimmed, and had a homelike look. Violin solos were rendered by Mrs. Sage and George Young accompanied by Mrs. Hill, and vocal solos by Miss Barrows and Mrs. Crane; and cake and cream were served.

Sunday, September 27, was the annual roll-call of the Sunday-school. The exercises took the place of the regular morning service and consisted of singing by the school, roll-call, with responses by the classes, and an address by the pastor on "Rally Days of the Bible," full of interest and instruction. The attendance was large.

Sunday, October 4, the sacrament of

the Lord's Supper (postponed from September) was administered, and for the first time was used the set of individual communion cups, generously donated by one of the members.

A very pleasant social was given by the Y. P. S. C. E., Wednesday evening, October 7.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Rally Day was not observed this year by the Sunday-school, but in its stead mass meetings were held, one for the boys on Wednesday evening, October 7, and one for the girls, the Friday evening following.

Addresses were made by the rector, Rev. E. deF. Miel, Rev. H. K. B. Ogle, Mr. Henry E. Rees, the asst. superintendent, and Mr. Leypold, who has charge of the boys' service club, after which refreshments were served.

These meetings are to be followed October 14, by a conference of the parents with the teachers and officers.

Twenty-four new scholars have been enrolled since the reassembling of Sunday-school, September 13.

Sunday morning, October 18, Rev. Dr. Pott, president of St. John's College, Shanghai, China, will be present and tell of the work in that far off section, where this parish is particularly interested, as it is under Dr. Pott that Mr. Penderell Walker, one of our former Sunday-school teachers, is working.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society will reassemble Friday afternoon, October 16, at 3.30, in the parish house, to elect officers and plan the winter's work.

NORTH METHODIST.

Rally Sunday was observed last Sunday, and notwithstanding the stormy day, a large number answered to the roll call. Interesting exercises were held.

The Sunday-school shows a large attendance each Sunday and the collections for the different objects are very gratifying.

Louis H. Scranton and family have returned from their Crescent Beach cottage, and have purchased a house on Russ street.

The Christian Endeavor social held at the home of Miss Elizabeth Frayer was largely attended.

The rubber social of the Willing Workers was a success and a neat sum was realized.

The Chautauqua circle met at the parsonage and made plans for the winter's work. A large number attended.

The Endeavor Society will send a large number to the meeting to be held at the Center church.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Men's League held its annual meeting for the election of officers on Thursday, October 8. It is intended to have monthly meetings the third Thursday in each month as far as possible, with an address and social hour after.

Officers were elected and an outline of the season's program read. A good number of names were enrolled as members of the League for the coming season.

The October meeting will be held the 22d, with an address probably by Prof. C. L. Edwards of Trinity College.

A senior branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been formed in the parish. It is hoped to have weekly

meetings on Wednesday evenings at the memorial house.

At the Friday evening service instruction of the Sunday-school lesson for the coming Sunday is given by the rector to the teachers and officers of the school.

At the five o'clock service at the church on Sunday, October 18, Rev. Dr. Pott of Shanghai, China, will give a missionary address. A good attendance is expected as the subject and work in China are very interesting.

There have been quite a number of October weddings solemnized in the church this month. The beautiful marriage service has been impressively rendered, and the church made still more beautiful with flowers and palms.

The memorial building is in active use every evening, except Wednesday and Saturday.

The societies are meeting regularly with good numbers and interest in the various kinds of work mapped out.

UNITY CHURCH.

On October 11, Rev. Mr. Waite gave a very interesting sermon on "Socrates as a Man; the Sweetest Saint in History." On the following Sunday he will continue the subject by a sermon on "Socrates as a Teacher."

Miss Lanphear has returned from her vacation and met with her class on Sunday, October 11. She has spent the summer at Brookline, Mass., where she took a course in kindergarten work in music.

Several of our young people who have gone away from school are missed from our church and Sunday-school. Miss Pauline Merrow has entered Sage College, Cornell University, after a trip abroad this summer.

Mr. Wilbur Searle has gone to Worcester for a four years' course at the Institute of Technology.

Miss Hettie G. Baker has gone to Boston for a special course in secretarial work at Simmons College. Her class in the Sunday-school has been taken by Miss Clara Pausch.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

Rally Day was observed in the Sunday-school October 4, by putting into operation a new graded system, which has been in careful preparation for several months. There seems to be considerable enthusiasm over the plan, which, it is hoped, will bring the school to a higher standard both of interest and efficiency.

An earnest effort is being made to lift another thousand dollars off the church debt this year. The pastor's Bible class of men gave a supper October 7. Although the evening was stormy, over \$30 was realized towards the debt.

The annual meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., which was held October 5, was one of the most delightful occasions in its history. After the business meeting, a banquet was served. The president, Mr. James Johnston, Jr., was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to as follows: "Our Union," Dr. E. H. Munger, president of the Hartford Union; "Our City Cousins," by Mr. Perry, of the Windsor Avenue Society; "Our Girls," by Miss Mabel H. Goodwin; "Our Boys," by our pastor, Rev. W. B. Tuthill; "Personal Work," by Mr. Jas. R. Tucker, principal of the high school,

and "Our Younger Members," by Mr. Raymond Brewer. Mr. Johnston was re-elected president for another year.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

On Sunday, October 4, Rev. E. L. Bray, a former pastor of our church, spent Sunday with us and administered communion.

The ladies will serve a ten-cent tea at the church on Wednesday, October 14, at 6 p. m.

Rev. W. A. Richard will preach to us on Sunday evening, October 18, and will hold a quarterly conference.

The W. C. T. U. will tender an informal reception to the teachers, ministers and school board on Tuesday, October 20, at the Congregational parish house.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

We have entered on our fall work. Our congregations are gradually increasing in size and we hope that our church will go forward during the coming winter.

The Evangeline Circle gave their harvest supper Wednesday evening, October 7. The tables were well filled for such a stormy night. About \$26 was cleared.

Our C. E. meetings are improving from Sunday to Sunday.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

During the month of August our pastor arranged for special sermons and special music, with the result of a larger attendance than is usual for that month.

October 4, our pastor, Rev. Mr. Keeler, was away and the pulpit was supplied by Mr. Hilton, of Hartford, in the morning, and the Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Congregational church, in the evening.

We expect a new furnace will be put in the church in the near future.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Mrs. Bishop, of Worcester, Mass., a representative of the Women's Missionary Society, spoke at the evening service on Sunday, September 20. She gave a great deal of information about the work in foreign countries and told many interesting incidents of the missionaries.

The Junior meetings have been resumed. These meetings are conducted by our pastor and are held on Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

The Rally Day exercises, which took place on Sunday, October 11, were of unusual interest. Mr. C. E. Pomeroy, of the Y. M. C. A., gave a pleasing and very helpful talk on the Bible, which was the subject for the day. Quotations were read by several members of the school stating what famous men have said concerning the Bible. This was an interesting part of the program, as was also the roll-call of classes.

The Young People's Society gave a social at the church on Friday evening, October 9. The entertainment was entirely musical and was much enjoyed by all. We hope to have more of these informal and pleasant gatherings, that the young people may become better acquainted and that strangers may receive a welcome to our church.

A number of the young people are about to form a circle to take up the Chautauqua course of study during the coming winter.

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EFFECTIVENESS OF PERSONAL INVITATIONS.

The spectacular tour of the Dowie-ites to New York is attracting much attention and it may be safely prophesied that they will create a very decided impression in the metropolis. The immense mass meeting which they are planning for will probably be thronged and chiefly because they have laid their plans with a wisdom which our churches well might emulate, especially at this season of "Rallies." Aside from the immense advertising which they have received gratuitously from the press and the itching ears of a multitude always ready for the latest religious sensation, their meetings would be an assured success numerically, because of their plan of house-to-house visitation and invitation. They have very carefully and systematically laid their plans to visit every household in the city of

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New York at least twice, and give a personal invitation to their meetings.

The wisdom of this plan was recognized by no one better than Moody. He recognized that there was a large portion of the community who were indifferent to religion, and non-churchgoers. And he found that the most effective way to reach this class was by the personal invitation of Christian men and women.

It is not enough to advertise free seats and a welcome to all. It is not enough to have in the pulpit a preacher skilled in sensational discourses and methods. Circulars won't do it; signs won't do it; the minister alone can't do it; but where minister and layman co-operate and an extended house-to-house visitation is undertaken and maintained, the results are practically sure.

Let our Sunday-schools, young people's societies, or other organizations which desire a rally which will bring out all the membership, make it a point that all the members are personally requested, at least by one person, better if more, to be on hand at the meeting.

If the meeting is of a character where strangers are especially sought for, the same methods will prove fruitful. It requires organization, tactful persons to do the calling and plenty of them, the same persons to be on hand with a genial, but not too vociferous, welcome, at the meeting, and a "follow up" system for successive meetings. If the pastor has ordinary gifts and the people show a human interest in these newcomers, it is safe to say that their continued attendance at services may be counted on.

PRISON SUNDAY.

The observance of Prison Sunday is a healthy sign, and it is hoped that it will be generally observed in our churches in some way this year.

Formerly, society contented itself with landing its criminals safely behind walls, or suspending them at the end of a rope. When a sentence was served, the criminal was turned loose upon society again but little improved, if not actually the worse, for his confinement.

The intelligent study of crime and criminals, however, has resulted in looking upon them with less of enmity and more of charity, and in the adoption of practical methods of reformation. There are many who do not respond to any known scheme of reformation, but there are many more who do, in greater or less degree, as the Reformatory system, where given a fair trial, has shown.

Another feature of criminal reform which has had splendid results is the Probation system. By it the offender has personal freedom, within limits, is able

to support himself and family, pay his fine, relieve the community from his support, save his self-respect in some measure, and is encouraged to make a new and right start.

The old idea of retribution is passing away. "Time serving" is an expensive and ineffective remedy. Society is coming to see that crime is a species of disease, capable of cure under proper conditions, but also capable of growing worse and spreading under unfavorable conditions or neglect.

And while society, as a whole, has done much to improve conditions, the individual touch is still required. Not all of us are so placed that we can by direct contact help the criminal, but we can take an intelligent human interest in every effort in his behalf, and give our moral endorsement to measures designed to help him. We can often "lend a hand" to the wife and children of the criminal, instead of making these share his punishment, by complete social ostracism. And we can unremittingly oppose the saloon, which, more than all other causes combined, is responsible for our criminals.

We can visit and probably help the prisoners during their confinement, and can encourage them to make a new start when they are released.

We can take to ourselves the words of the Master: "I was sick and in prison and ye visited me." * * * "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

TWO WHISKEY SIGNS.

At the same time the whiskey sign was in course of erection at Exchange corner, a man was on trial for his life on the charge of murder and the chief plea of the defense was that the man was unaccountable for his actions, being under the influence of liquor.

About the time the whiskey sign was completed, the judge passed the sentence of death upon the murderer.

Now is it not a perfectly honest statement to make that as an advertisement for whiskey the condemned murderer has as much right to be represented on the roof at Exchange corner as the complacent looking party mixing "Wilson highballs?" Would it not be in the interest of public morals, possibly, to have the murderer represented also, in order that both sides of the whiskey question might be made perfectly plain?

But what an affront that sign is to every one who sees it, almost. And how can such an offense to the eye and to the moral sense be of profit to the advertiser? Does it not put every right minded person in a position of antagonism to that brand of whiskey in par-

ticular and to the whole liquor business in general?

We will venture to say that the cause of temperance has received more benefit so far from that particular sign than the liquor business has. We will venture to say that among the respectable people of Hartford who indulge in whiskey at all, the kind so glaringly advertised on Exchange corner will not be considered hereafter "in good taste." There are many people in Hartford who have liberal ideas regarding the use of liquors, but who strongly resent such a monstrous defacement of the center of our beautiful city.

THE PENSION SYSTEM.

There is at least some indication that the burdens of the pension system have passed the high water mark and, in the near future, are to be materially lessened, unless, of course, Congress sees fit, as it has often in the past, to broaden the scope of the pension laws. According to the report of Pension Commissioner Ware for the last fiscal year the number of pensioners on the rolls on June 30, 1903, was 996,445, as against 999,446 on June 30, 1902, this being the first material decrease since the system suffered that startling expansion provided by the Department Act of June, 1890. This decrease occurred, too, from natural causes, deaths in the ranks of the old soldiers and their dependents, etc., and notwithstanding the fact that 44,487 new names were added to the rolls. The cost to the country of the pension system remains about the same, the figures for the past year having been \$141,752,870. Notwithstanding this fact, however, Mr. Ware estimates that within a decade the total cost of disbursements and administration will fall to or below \$120,000,000 and that, in the absence of another war, the cost thereafter will decrease rapidly. There is another encouraging feature of the situation in that while the aggregate disbursements for pensions are decreasing the population of the country is rapidly increasing, as is also the commerce and industry of the nation, so that the proportionate cost per capita is decreasing rapidly. Mr. Ware calls attention to the fact that the pension burden has decreased in ten years from \$2.24 per \$1,000 of taxable wealth to \$1.32 per \$1,000, and predicts that in ten years more the burden will be scarcely noticed.

HARTFORD SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' UNION.

There will be a meeting of the Union Monday evening, October 19, when the topic for discussion will be "Plans for the Winter's Work."

The discussion will be opened by ten minute papers prepared by members of the Union.

Mr. T. A. Hildreth, of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, will be present to explain a course of lectures which the faculty of the school wish to offer, under the auspices of the Union, to the teachers and officers of the several Sunday-schools. The following is a synopsis:

Prof. Knight, four lectures on "Practical methods of study of the Sunday-school lessons." Prof. Dawson, four lectures on "Practical difficulties in reaching the scholar for Christ and how to meet them." Prof. Pease, four lectures on "The teaching of the lesson."

Any one interested is invited to be present at this meeting.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Sunday, October 11, was observed as Rally Day in the Sunday-school. Mr. Potter was present and gave the rally address. The platform was decorated with autumn leaves, while around the room were hung festoons of tinted hydrangeas. Mr. Potter preached at the evening meeting and the attendance at both services was good in spite of the rain.

The friends who visited the chapel on Sunday showed great interest in the new gymnasium, which was opened for the first time Tuesday, October 6. This gymnasium has been built as a memorial to a former teacher in the Sunday-school.

The weekly teachers' meetings have been resumed and the plan followed for several years has been adopted for the winter.

At alternate meetings, outlines are given of the lessons for the two Sundays following. The other evenings are given to normal work, lesson preparation, missionary interests, Sunday-school problems, church history, etc.

The mothers' meetings are planned to begin the last week of this month. Meetings will be held on alternate Thursdays during the season at 3.30 o'clock.

MORGAN STREET CHAPEL.

The chapel is still standing and work is being carried on there at present, though it is uncertain how long we may continue in the old chapel. Work on the new building on Village street is progressing and all interested in it are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the time when the work can be transferred to the new chapel. There have been many removals from Morgan street and its vicinity owing to the tearing down of the houses there, but most of the families connected with our chapel have moved into the neighborhood of Village street, so that they will still remain with us.

The mothers' meetings have started with unusual interest and good attendance. A special feature this year is the observance of the birthdays of the children on the Cradle Roll connected with the mothers' meeting.

The Sunday-school is in good condition under the continued charge of Mr. Burton P. Twichell and other classes and clubs will soon be resumed.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was omitted this week on account

of the annual convention held in New Britain, beginning at 1.30 p. m. on Tuesday, and closing at the same time on Thursday. Mrs. Helen Bullock, of New York, who is to address the convention on Tuesday evening, is to give one or two addresses in Hartford in the near future. Our local president, Mrs. C. B. Forbes, who is also state president, is to preside at the convention in New Britain. It is expected that many members of the local union will attend.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The summer months at the Shelter have been filled with the usual round of duties. Each of the matrons enjoyed a pleasant vacation and has again taken up the work. During the summer Miss Nettie A. Baker and Miss Sarah Stone served as assistant matrons.

Over seventy women and girls have been aided during the past four months. Some of these remained in the Home several weeks, while others required only temporary help. Several girls who have been in the Home, but who are now engaged in honorable employment, have visited us and it is always a pleasure to greet again those who have been encouraged to overcome adverse influences and live honest and industrious lives.

The Fourth of July was delightfully spent near Griswoldville. A party of thirty, carrying abundant provisions, were taken from Wethersfield by wagon to a quiet grove where all that makes up a successful picnic was enjoyed.

Through the kindness of the Wethersfield Flower Mission we were abundantly supplied with flowers during the summer and have been able to distribute bouquets to a number of families among our neighbors.

The Sunday afternoon parlor services have been of unusual interest. Some who have come to the Home weary and discouraged have here learned of the Savior who can save and keep even the most hopeless. The testimony of those who have taken Christ into their life is very encouraging.

STAR COURSE OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Christian Association of this city is to be commended for its enterprise in offering to the Christian public so delightful and attractive a series of entertainments as they offer in what is known as the Star Course. These entertainments will consist of seven numbers and will be given in Unity Hall. The dates and attractions will be found in their advertisement on the back page of this issue. These entertainments are high class in character, any one of them being worth \$1 for single admission. Many concerts and entertainments not nearly so good have received this amount for single admission. The price that the association offers to sell season reserved seats for is only \$1.75 for the course of seven numbers. There is the added privilege of securing the same reserved seat for the series. Season seats are now on sale at the association building. We hope many of our readers will encourage this effort of the Young Men's Christian Association to provide wholesome and uplifting entertainments.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The service in the church was resumed after the summer vacation, September 6. September 13 the Sunday-school again assembled for a preparatory service. Many of the teachers and pupils were still absent.

The Young People's Society held their first meeting, very gladly accepting our pastor's cordial invitation to meet at the parsonage. There were nineteen present, which was a small number, owing to many being still away from the city. We always enjoy meeting at the parsonage, also the social intercourse which follows the service.

October 4, Mr. Trowbridge, from the theological seminary, gave us a very interesting and instructive account of mission work in Aintab, Turkey, the difficulty had in establishing it thirty years ago and its progress since. I would advise any of the young people's societies to secure him for an evening.

The midweek service was resumed September 17.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The pastor was again relieved from pulpit exertion two Sundays the past month by his father, who is always ready for every good work.

We had also a rare pleasure Friday evening, September 25, when Rev. Benjamin R. Duarte, a native of the Cape Verde Islands, who is making a tour among the churches in the interest of mission work, visited us and gave an interesting account of his conversion and work. He was converted in this country a few years ago, and has since opened a mission on the islands. The two stations he has opened are the only Protestant missions on the islands, where there is a population variously estimated at from one to four hundred thousand.

The islands being strongly Roman Catholic, when he wished to marry, he was obliged to come to this country. Through his application to the Washington government, we understand that now people can be married legally in that country by Protestant clergymen.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

September 18, the Ladies' Aid Society held its annual election of officers for the coming year, as follows: Pres., Mrs. Joslyn; vice-pres., Mrs. T. F. Hill; sec'y, Mrs. Myers; asst. sec'y, Mrs. Townsend; treas., Mrs. Chas. Agard; directors, Mrs. C. J. Clare and Mrs. W. Webb; visiting committee, Mrs. Purington and Mrs. E. J. Longdon.

The Mission wishes to thank the following who have spoken to us the past month: Rev. J. T. Huntington, L. L. Potter, Mr. Higgins, West Hartford, and Jared Starr, Newington.

October 9, the financial committee gave a musical and literary entertainment, which was a success financially and socially.

Mr. Walter Clark, of No. 24 Barnard street, has moved his family to West-erly, R. I., where he has found work. A supper was given in honor of their departure, October 12, by the Ladies' Aid Society at the residence of Mrs. Koehler.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give one of their suppers at the Mission October 30.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The annual rally of the church was held on the last Sunday in September. This was the most successful effort of this kind which has ever been held in our church. A very large number of the members were present to answer to the roll-call.

The "Junior Workers" held a "mystery tea" and variety contest in the church parlors on Friday evening, October 9, which was very largely attended and very much enjoyed. It was also quite successful in the way of raising money.

The Junior Endeavor Society will hold a social and entertainment in the church on Friday evening, October 16. This society was organized in the spring and its regular meetings on Thursday afternoons are very well attended.

A large chorus of the young people of the church is being organized by Mr. Willis L. Gelston, of the seminary, to conduct the singing Sunday evening and to improve the congregational singing on Sunday morning. The chorus will hold its weekly practice on Saturday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock.

All departments of the church have started in this fall with exceptional earnestness and vigor and we look forward to a season of very great blessing for the church.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

At the Sunday morning service, October 11, the pulpit was occupied by Dr. Kneeland, secretary of the New England Sabbath Protective League, who made a stirring appeal in behalf of a day of rest for all. The singing at the service was by the new and enlarged volunteer choir which Organist Smith is organizing. At the evening service, Mrs. C. M. Selden and her sister, Miss Strong, who have been active in educational work for Spanish speaking people of New York and Brooklyn, gave very interesting addresses. Mrs. Selden explained the work of the Cuban school in Brooklyn and eight Cuban girls, who accompanied her, sang in English and Spanish and gave recitations.

Notwithstanding unpleasant weather, the annual bazaar, by which the church raises money for the furtherance of its work, was held very successfully on October 7 and 8. There have been many pretty displays in past years, but it is generally admitted that the various booths this year presented a scene superior to that of any previous bazaar. The special effect this year was Japanese, produced by free use of fans, lanterns, parasols and the like, giving the fair the name of "Japanese Tombola." The effect was heightened in the Japanese tea room by the costumes worn by the attendants, who served tea, cake, etc. The booths included fancy, domestic, cake, flower, stationery, children's and a booth for ladies' stocks. Dinners and suppers were served in the dining room. The net proceeds are about \$800.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

One of our Sunday evening services in September was carried on by our young people, who have just graduated from some institution of learning, or who are now members of such an institution. Each one told something of the religious life of the institution to which he or she belonged. Miss Wilson spoke for

Wellesley College, Miss Campbell for Mt. Holyoke, Mr. Beardslee for Yale and Miss Mack for the Emerson School of Oratory in Boston.

The subject of our pastor's Sunday evening talks October 4 and 11, is "The Life and Work of Jonathan Edwards."

Our pastor preached a harvest sermon Sunday morning, October 11.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The pastor has returned from his vacation and preached again for us on Sunday morning, October 11. He and his family greatly enjoyed their outing in the woods.

The H. I. E. Circle of King's Daughters held a rummage sale in the early part of the month and made a notable success of the undertaking.

The Women's Missionary Society held its first meeting of the season on October 9. The subject was, "They that go down to the sea in ships," and the leader was Mrs. Leslie Wilson.

The mothers' meetings opened on September 9, with a good attendance, and all apparently very glad to have the meetings renewed.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

On October 4 Dr. Stone gave his people the sermon on "Jonathan Edwards," prepared for and delivered at the church in South Windsor, in the evening.

Miss Edith Harrington, the leader of the Junior Endeavor Society, has been obliged to resign on account of ill health and Mrs. David G. Smythe has been secured as her successor.

The Ladies' Social Organization held its first meeting of the season October 13, and the Ladies' Missionary Society met for the beginning of their season's work, October 9. The papers and items on missionary facts were very interesting and some of them are to be repeated by request, at the young people's missionary meeting, October 25.

The absence of Rev. Mr. Maplesden from us is a felt void, but our hearty God-speed goes with him in his evangelistic work in Springfield.

It is the earnest desire of the pastor and Christian workers of the church that the coming fall and winter may witness a higher plane of spiritual life among us. May the Lord grant it!

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

September 20 was observed as Rally Day. At the morning service three laymen, members of the church, gave brief addresses, speaking of the work of the church from the laymen's point of view. At the Sunday-school session a printed responsive service was used and an address was given by Rev. E. F. Talmadge, general secretary of the Conn. S. S. Association. At the evening service three of the city pastors, Rev. R. H. Potter, Rev. H. E. Peabody and Rev. C. W. McCormick, spoke to a large congregation of the work of the church in its relation to the life of the city. The work of the year received a most decided impetus from these meetings.

A splendid musical service had been arranged for the last Sunday in September, in which Mr. Prior, of the Center church assisted. Unfortunately the evening was very stormy and a small attendance was the result. The music of the church will be kept at a high level this winter under the direction of Prof. Sleeper.

HARTFORD C. E. UNION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Endeavorers:

For nearly four years I have been working for you as Vice-President and President, and now as I look back over that time I am glad to see that there have been changes for the better in many of the societies. Now in this, my last message to you, I wish to urge upon those societies which need it, a reform which will put them in condition to do better work. In a number of the societies I find that some of the popular members are on several of the committees, while there are other members who are not on any committee, and besides this, there are many committees which might be called "misfits." The reason for these troubles is the lack of the right kind of a system in the election of officers and committees. There should be a nominating committee which, after prayerful conference, shall decide as to the best place for each member.

There are different ways in which to form this committee, but one of the best is that used by the East Hartford Congregational Society. Their nominating committee consists of five. One of these is the new president, who is elected at the annual meeting by ballot. He appoints another member and the society elects by ballot two more members and the pastor acts as the fifth member of the committee. I hope that other societies will adopt this plan.

You know that I believe in a great future for Christian Endeavor. Just so far as a society uses the true C. E. methods will it succeed. When it fails to carry out these principles it will lose its power.

Hoping that your future may be very bright, I am,

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
EDWIN H. MUNGER, President.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The district meetings of the Connecticut Christian Endeavor Union include one at Hartford on October 23, and in conjunction with it will be held the annual meeting of the Hartford Union. The place of meeting will be Center church; Rev. Russell T. Hall, D. D., president of the State Union, will preside, and the following programme will be carried out:

MORNING SESSION.—10.00, devotional service, Rev. H. E. Peabody. 10.20, business. 10.30, "Christian Endeavor as a Social Force," Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter; "Christian Endeavor as a Civic Force," Rev. C. H. Barber, ex-president Conn. C. E. Union; "Christian Endeavor as a Religious Force," Rev. A. V. S. Wallace. 11.30, discussion of these topics. 12.00, Adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—2.00, prayer service, Rev. C. W. McCormick. 2.15, "Christian Endeavor Looking Downward," Rev. A. E. Harris; "Christian Endeavor Looking Inward," Mr. Nelson B. Bassett, ex-president Hartford C. E. Union; "Christian Endeavor Looking Upward," Rev. J. H. Bell, D. D.; "Christian Endeavor Looking Outward," Rev. Burdette B. Brown. 3.40, discussion. 4.00, address, Rev. J. J. Dunlop, president Massachusetts State Union. 4.30, adjournment. 4.45, busi-

The first Sunday in October was observed as Bible Study Sunday, with a sermon upon "Religious Training of the Children" in the morning and an address upon "Jonathan Edwards" in the evening. At the morning service of the second Sunday in October, the pastor gave an interesting account of a sermon by Jonathan Edwards on "The Sabbath" and in the evening Dr. Kneeland, of Boston, secretary of the N. E. Sabbath Protective League, spoke.

The Young Men's Class this year is again led by Dr. Dawson and will have a course of lectures and discussions upon "Salvation Through Christ." A social was given to representatives from other churches on the evening of October 9, at which the organization of all the church organizations of young men was considered. Another meeting will be held October 23, at which a larger attendance is expected.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The opening of the fall season brings with it a large accession to the number who come to us each day, and among the most gratifying facts is that many who last year gave promise of better lives have kept their promise and come to us "clothed and in their right mind." The good work cannot be estimated, but it is always encouraging to Superintendent Miller and all at the institution, when men once leading bad lives are showing that the desire expressed by them when with us before has been sincere. How many who were once a disgrace to themselves and others are now good citizens and an honor to the community and their friends from the work of the Open Hearth cannot be known, but many, many cases are known and the letters of gratitude received by Superintendent Miller from friends far and near shows the great work which has been accomplished. The Girls' club, as well as the Women's society, are both in a flourishing condition and the attendance fills the rooms each evening. The services, both evening and morning, are well attended and much interest is manifested in the addresses given by Superintendent Miller and on Friday evenings by Rev. Mr. Goodwin, who comes on that evening and whose talks are always practical and interesting. The wood yard is a great help in furnishing work for many who need a few days' assistance and our citizens with no detriment to themselves can help along the good work by sending their orders to us. The wood is sold as low as in other places and is of the best quality. Clothing and shoes are always acceptable and interesting books and newspapers for our reading room are always appreciated.

Commencing Thursday, October 15, the Hartford boats will leave Hartford at 4 p. m., instead of 5 p. m. They will continue to leave New York at 5 p. m. This schedule will continue during the rest of this season.

"Whose voice did he like best, yours or mine?" asked Miss Kreech.

"I'm not quite sure," replied Miss Bird.

"His remarks were a bit ambiguous."

"What did he say?"

"He said that he liked my voice, but that yours was better still."

ness meeting of Hartford Union and session of voting delegates; reports of officers and committees; reports from societies; election of officers.

EVENING SESSION.—7.30, prayer and prayer service, Rev. H. P. Smith, D.D., Berlin. 8.00, solo. 8.10, address, Mr. Von Ogden Vogt, general secretary U. S. C. E. 8.40, collection. 8.45, prayer service, Rev. Henry Clark. 9.00, adjournment.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 25—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic. What the Bible teaches about giving.—11 Cor. ix. 9-11, 13, 14, 15. (collections.)

There are many pastors and Christian workers who hesitate to present financial matters to the church, and especially to appeal for money for missions. But in the light of the Scriptures this should not be so. God in His word is not at all indifferent to this phase of the religious life. The Bible teaches God's ownership and man's stewardship. All is God's—the earth, the cattle upon a thousand hills, the silver and the gold. And of all of these that man possesses he does so not in his own right, but as a steward of God, and God expects us to wisely exercise that stewardship, and especially, it would seem to me, in relation to missions. Missions, instead of being the last thing we give to, should be the first and most important. Every church that can do so should have its own home and foreign missionary on the field, and this could be done if the people would give systematically as God gives to them.

Giving to missions should be preceded by a giving of ourselves to Christ. This the Macedonians did. "First they gave their own selves unto the Lord." If we believe that Christ can save the heathen we must also believe that He can save us, and, accepting Him as our personal Saviour, we should then be anxious to make it possible for others to know and to be saved by Him.

2. The example of others should stimulate us to missionary giving. We are exhorted to "provoke one another to good works." Paul appealed to the Corinthians on the ground of what Macedonia had done, and there is no reason why one church and one Christian should not by example stimulate others to missionary giving. Many churches have their own missionaries. Why should not yours? Many individuals give liberally, systematically and proportionately to missions. If you are not among the number, why should you not be stimulated to imitate their example?

3. The example of Christ should stimulate us to missionary giving. "Ye know," says Paul to the Corinthians, "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, how that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might become rich." Christ gave himself as the world's missionary. Can we hold but our little when the Master gave

all? God forbid, for the servant is not above his Master or his Lord.

BIBLE READINGS

Isa. iii, 7; Nah. i, 15; Mal. iii, 7-18; Matt. x, 1-8; xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 1-8; Rom. x, 14, 15; I Cor. xvi, 1, 2; II Cor. ix, 6-9; Rev. xvii, 17.

Topic For the Week Beginning Nov. 4.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Great men of the Bible. What David teaches us.—I Sam. xvi, 11-13; Ps. xix; John vii, 42.

David was the youngest of the eight sons of Jesse of the tribe of Judah. His name means beloved. He was born about 1085 B. C. in Bethlehem of Judaea, which was also the birthplace of our Saviour, who was the "Son of David," according to the flesh, and through whom the kingdom of David has become an everlasting kingdom.

David in appearance was a prepossessing youth. "He was ruddy and withal of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look at." His early life was spent in loyal, loving service at home, where he faithfully tended his father's sheep. In this period of his life he teaches us an important lesson on youthful faith in God, for undoubtedly it was at this time that he composed the immortal poem called the Nineteenth Psalm, in which he sets forth the glory of God as testified by the heavens and expresses his need of God and his desire that his meditations and words might be acceptable unto God. In this period also God had him anointed to become the future king of Israel, illustrating that God calls to higher positions in life those who faithfully serve him in the more humble ones.

In the period of his life between his anointment as king and his ascendancy of the throne David had a most exciting and varied career. Saul called him to court that he might relieve his troubled mind with music. Released for a time, he returns to his father's flock and next appears in connection with the war with the Philistines, when God gave him the great victory over the great champion, Goliath. Crowned with honor, he returned to court, received a command and was successful and beloved. Then followed the vicissitudes which resulted from the jealousy of Saul, brightened only by the mutual love of David and Jonathan. His magnanimity toward Saul during this trying period should impress us. Though he often had the king in his power, he would not raise his hand against him, and at last God rewarded him by opening up the way to the throne through the deaths of both Saul and Jonathan.

David at once entered upon his kingly career. For seven years he reigned over Judah alone at Hebron, and then for thirty-three years over Judah and Israel united, making his reign forty years in all. David was a great and progressive king, loyal to God and to his kingdom. He conveyed the ark of God to the Holy City. The ordinances of worship were remodeled and faithfully observed. He extended the boundaries of the kingdom and provided

abundant materials for the magnificent temple which Solomon afterward built. David, being human, did not live without blemish. His temptations were many and strong, but he stood out in marked contrast to his contemporaries and in sackcloth and ashes repented of his most grievous sin and received God's pardon for it. David's kingdom is spiritually continued in Christ, "King David's greater Son," and we should all become members of that spiritual kingdom by faith in Christ.

BIBLE READINGS.

I Sam. xvi, 14-23; xvii, 36-51; xviii, 1-4; xx, 11-23; xxi, 1-6; II Sam. i, 17-27; v, 1-7; vi, 1-15; Ps. xxiii; Ps. li; Ps. lxxii.

Topic For the Week Beginning Nov. 8.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Great men of the Bible. What Elijah teaches us.—II Kings ii, 1-12; Matt. xi, 14; Jas. v, 17, 18.

Elijah the prophet was a native of Tishbe, in Gilead. His parentage and early history are unknown, nor have we any systematic account of the life of Elijah such as we have of Joseph, Moses and David. "He bursts upon our view without previous notice and disappears by a miracle." His life and character were noted for their boldness and ruggedness. God used him mightily in the reign of the wicked Ahab and in him has exemplified the sternness of character that should adorn his people in the midst of periods of great moral decline among the people of the world.

1. Elijah's translation (II Kings ii, 1-12). Elijah was one of the two men in the world's history who have passed from this life without tasting death. God translated Enoch and Elijah alone of the world's inhabitants, and Elijah had the further great honor of appearing with Moses upon the mount at the time of the transfiguration of Christ. But while God does not remove His people generally in any miraculous way He does remove from them the fear of death, which amounts practically to the same blessing. When we can say with the psalmist, "Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me," we are equally blessed with Elijah. Death, the greatest enemy of mankind, has been overcome by Christ. He burst the bonds of death asunder and gives His people freedom from its fear and dread.

2. Elijah and John the Baptist (Matt. xi, 14). Of John the Baptist Jesus said, "If you will receive it this is Elijah which was for to come." John, however, was not Elijah reincarnated, and we find here no support for the reincarnation doctrine or the false claims of such men as Dowie. John resembled Elijah in life and character. His age was similar, morally and spiritually, to that of the prophet, and God used his stern boldness to call His people to repentance. Our own age is not without some tendencies toward the effeminate luxuries and easy morality of those of Elijah and

John, and we may do well, therefore, to cultivate the stern qualities that they possessed.

3. Elijah's faith (Jas. v, 17, 18). By faith, through prayer, Elijah controlled the rain for three years and a half! He prayed that it might not rain and it rained not. He prayed for rain and "the heaven gave rain and the earth brought forth her fruit." Yet he was but "a man, subject to like passions as we are." He was nothing, but his faith was strong in God, who is everything. The "prayer of faith" still prevails, for God is "the same yesterday, today and forever." Therefore let us take advantage of the blessings and privileges vouchsafed to us upon the conditions of faith and prayer.

BIBLE READINGS.

I Kings xvii, 1-6; xviii, 20-40; 41-46; xix, 1-21; Ps. xxiii; Matt. vii, 7, 8; xvii, 1-13, 14-21; II Cor. xi, 23-33; Jas. v, 14-16.

A Cathedral and Its Chapels.

Dr. Clark says: "No one shall go beyond me in devotion to Bible study or in advocacy of better educational methods for the young people of our churches. I believe with all my heart, as you know, in the quiet hour of communion, in systematic and proportionate giving, in every effort for Christian citizenship and for the home and other similar lines of effort that have grouped themselves around Christian Endeavor as some one has expressed it, "like the beautiful chapels around a great cathedral."

English Methodist Endeavorers.

In England there are 55,605 Primitive Methodist Endeavorers, which is a gain of 4,806 over last year. Two hundred and one new Junior societies have been organized.

Maryland Song.

The Maryland Endeavorers make the welkin ring with their state song, which they sing to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland." The song in its entirety is as follows:

File into rank for Christ today,
Oh, Maryland, dear Maryland.
Free to the breeze His banners play,
Maryland, dear Maryland.
Your noblest work for Him be done
From early dawn to setting sun,
Nor cease till latest victory's won,
Maryland, my Maryland.

CHORUS.

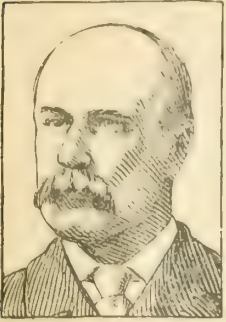
Shout, shout for joy the glad refrain,
Maryland, my Maryland.
Our King shall claim His own again,
Maryland, my Maryland.

"Christ and His church" your watchword be,
Maryland, dear Maryland,
Till time becomes eternity,
Maryland, dear Maryland.
His gospel spread through all the land,
His heralds each Endeavor band,
And may they make a gallant stand
For Maryland, dear Maryland.

Oh, sound the call both loud and well,
In Maryland, dear Maryland,
For all who would His legions swell,
Maryland, my Maryland.
From mountain, river, hill and plain
Ring out the loud, resounding strain
And bid the welkin ring again
In Maryland, my Maryland.

Treasurer William Shaw.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor, the corporate body of the great organization, was formed at the Old Orchard (Me.)



WILLIAM SHAW.

convention in 1885. Soon after this convention William Shaw was chosen treasurer of the United society, an office he has ever since held, holding the responsible position and performing its duties carefully and wisely, but never receiving a cent of pay therefor. The cause of Christian Endeavor owes a large debt of love to Mr. Shaw, for he has devotedly served it, not only in this office, but in a multitude of other ways. His ringing voice has sounded a stirring message before many a mammoth convention, and during the months when the United society was without a general secretary he added the duties of that office to his own.

Missionary Volunteers.

During the Boer war many Christian Endeavor societies were organized in the prison camps in Ceylon, St. Helena and Bermuda, with several thousand members. Since the return of these men to South Africa 200 have volunteered for missionary work, and the Dutch Reformed church has opened a training school for them in Worcester, South Africa. We hold in high honor the little group of five missionary volunteers around the Haystack at Williamstown, Mass. What shall we say of the 200 Endeavorer missionary volunteers in South Africa?—William Shaw in General Secretary's Report at Denver Convention.

The Underlying Principle.

The prime principle underlying Christian Endeavor is very simple, the idea of furnishing Christian service and expression for every one, every young man and woman, every boy and girl, for which none is too young, none too poor, none too ignorant, none too bashful.—Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D.

Christian Endeavor's Growth.

From one society in 1881 to 64,020 in 1903, from one denomination to more than eighty, from one city to every country and from fifty members to 3,822,300 and 1,500,000 more in societies bearing strictly sectarian names, but patterned after Christian Endeavor and gaining their inspiration from it, a net gain in number of societies in one year of over 2,000.—William Shaw in General Secretary's Report at Denver Convention.

Needed.

The Christian world cannot do without Christian Endeavor. It is one of the forces that accomplish something for God and man.—Religious Telescope.

WORK VERSUS DRINK**THE STRENUOUS LIFE OF TODAY
BANISHING INEBRIETY.**

Competition Leaves the Man Who Clouds His Brain With Alcohol Hopelessly Behind — Drunkenness No Longer Fashionable.

Say what we will against the feverish rush of modern life, says the San Francisco Bulletin, it has done more for the cause of sobriety than all the prohibition laws, all the abstinence propagandas and all the antialcohol pledges. Competition has eliminated the drunkard. The Darwinian theory has routed the demon rum.

Divers influences have been named as causes of the decrease of drunkenness. In the first place the fact is patent that drunkenness has gone out of fashion. In the clubs, in business houses, in shops, everywhere, sobriety is commoner and more popular than it was wont to be. Twenty years ago a self respecting clubman thought nothing of becoming intoxicated, a business man lost no prestige by going off on a spree for two or three days.

This sad state of things is no more. It is the exceptional clubman that drinks too much habitually, a business man's credit shrinks if he ever smells of whisky, and an employee might as well resign at once if he proposes to go on a drinking bout and stay away from work on that account. Of course there will always be the gutter, and a number of men will always fall into it, but there is little distance nowadays between the man that gets drunk a few times a month and the abandoned outcast. There is no longer a class of respectable toppers.

The stricter judgment of society on the drunkard is generally acknowledged as the cause of this improvement. Respectable people will no longer receive at their homes men that fall under the table at dinner, and therefore, according to the argument, young men forbear to fall under the table. But we owe thanks for the reform not to society become stricter, but to life become more strenuous. As competition grew fiercer the standard of fitness necessary for survival grew higher, and the drunkard found himself at a disadvantage in competing with the sober man. A two day spree came to mean an irremediable loss in stead of, as it had been, a mere suspension of labor. Consequently the drunkard had either to reform or perish.

CHURCHES AND SALOONS.**Their Relative Cost to a Community Estimated.**

The Sioux City (Ia.) Journal publishes an interesting article on the relative cost to a community of its churches and its saloons. It uses the city of Waterloo, Ia., as an example:

The combined membership of all the Waterloo churches is 7,023, which shows, according to a Waterloo clergyman, that more than half the adult population of the city are professing Christians. There are eighteen churches and eighteen clergymen.

On the other side of the case we are told there are twenty saloons, with forty-four proprietors and bartenders, against eighteen ministers. The amount of business necessary to support these saloons at a very modest estimate, we are informed, cannot fall short of \$146,000 a year. No comparative estimate of the expense of the churches is given, but doubtless it would be a liberal estimate to say that the average is not above \$4,000, or a total for the eighteen churches of \$72,000, \$74,000 less than the cost of the saloons.

If the churches draw somewhat upon outside patronage it is to be conceded that the saloons have advantage in that respect. Possibly some of the church members contribute to the saloons; but, on the other hand, it is safe to say that more than half of the people who are not church members are not saloon patrons. One-half of the people of Waterloo pay \$72,000 a year for churches, while not above one-quarter of the people of Waterloo pay \$146,000 a year for saloons.

Liquor Problem at Chautauqua.

In the programme for the thirtieth annual assembly at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., one week, Aug. 3 to 8, is dedicated as "liquor problem week." There is to be "a broad survey of this field from the physiological, sociological, moral and religious points of view." An hour on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4, is given for the presentation of the work, plans and principles of the National W. C. T. U. On Aug. 11-13 there will be a New England W. C. T. U. institute at Old Orchard, Me. The presidents of all the New England states and other White Ribboners will participate.

Moslem Missionaries Needed.

An illustrious Turk at a great banquet declined wine and said to a distinguished American: "Do you think Turkey would better send Moslem missionaries to America? I, a Mohammedan, am the only temperance man in this company."

Will Christen War Ship With Water.

Governor Bailey, the chief executive of Kansas, has decided to grant the wishes of the Women's Christian Temperance union and use water instead of wine in christening the battle ship named after his state.

More Deadly Than Bullets.

Stonewall Jackson abstained from the use of all intoxicating drinks from principle. During the war he was asked by a brother officer to join him in a social glass. He replied: "No; I thank you. I never use it. I am more afraid of it than of Federal bullets."

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Cleared From the Teachings of All Denominations.

All great things require sacrifices. Self-sacrifices, however, within the power of ones royal individuality, are, at its shadow, a thundering resounding. —Rev. Dr. N. Luccock, Methodist, St. Louis.

The Christ Nature.

Jesus was the psychic of the metaphysician. Christ was the spiritual ego. What humanity needs today is the Christ nature, the spiritual fact of life and being. —Rev. F. E. M. Smith, Scientist, Brooklyn.

The Commercial Spirit.

The commercial spirit of the world is in the church, and this is hindering the Holy Spirit from doing his work. God cannot work through a church which is dominated by a money power. —Rev. A. R. Holderby, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

Social Value of Death.

Death has a social value. If man has a value to society so has his absence. We recognize this in a sort of brutal way when we say that a few first class funerals would help somewhere. —Rev. Frank G. Tyrrell, Christian, St. Louis.

The Laws of Nature.

Nature's laws are subservient to man, but they require a divine providence to maintain their stability, and to him whom the laws of nature serve God extends his mercy and is his friend. —Rev. J. P. Stoffeb, Lutheran, Jersey City.

Christianity No Myth.

This Christianity of ours is no myth. You can throw your weight on the promises of God and they will not go down. Though darkness gather all around you, it is light if you walk with God. —Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Congregationalist, Boston.

Value of Proper Companions.

We begin to be like those we love if we are with them often enough. Let us then seek out such companions and such fellowship as will awaken in us an appreciation of the best things. Let us grow to be like them. —Dr. Huntington, Episcopalian, New York.

The Work of Satan.

Let Satan get possession of a human life and rule that life through pride, lust, envy, malice, revenge, and you have a person who is as unfit for human society as were those men of Gadara. —Rev. F. H. Hays, Presbyterian, Grand Forks, N. D.

National Morality and Education.

A nation is like a river; the water flows on and passes away, but its place is filled continually if the springs at the fountain heads do not fail. We must maintain Christian morality and education, and keep strong the banks of liberty. —Rev. W. F. Craft, Baptist, Washington.

Special Favors.

No type of religion which represents the world as run on the principle of special favors to individuals can command the highest respect or allegiance of mankind. It is like setting by personal influence the ear of the chairman

of a meeting. —Rev. W. B. Thompson, Congregationalist, Chicago.

The Impulse of Prayer.

There is something within the bosom of man that prompts him to prayer. There are many people who are not frequenters of places of worship, and yet they do pray. Perhaps when walking along the street they are lifting up a prayer to God. —Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, Lutheran, Baltimore.

Public and Private Wrongdoing.

Individual wrongdoing covered from the public has its consequences and leads men to wrongdoing, with the public approval for revenue and publicly performed it is a most heinous wrong. The first slays thousands, the second tens of thousands. —Rev. M. Major, Presbyterian, Seattle, Wash.

The Ideal Man.

The ideal man has not yet been discovered among those who are mere men. No one of our noblest men was a spotless sun; no one reached sinless perfection. From all our loftiest specimens of manhood I turn dissatisfied to Jesus Christ, and in him I find that the ideal becomes actual, the dream real and the hope fruition. —Rev. R. S. MacArthur, Baptist, New York.

The Law of the Higher Life.

If the law of life is the law of struggle, the law of the higher life is the law of repose. Life produces its choicest flowers in quietness, and the nobler elements of character, the high and divine things of life, are the products of the life of calm. And so God has made it possible for men to be filled with peace in the midst of storm. He has told us how to find an oasis of joy in the dreary desert of sorrow. Above the confusion of the too anxious life, above the doubts of the distressed soul, above the weariness of a heartrending struggle, there comes the words of the Quiet Man, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." —Rev. Philip Yarrow, Congregationalist, St. Louis.



Y M C A NOTES

The busy season has opened at the Young Men's Christian Association, and each evening finds the rooms at the building up to the numbers of young men. The reading room has been radically cleaned, both in appearance and condition. During the summer and now presents a homelike and pleasant aspect.

The curtains, rugs, seats and reading standards all add to the attractiveness of the room.

Numbers of new men are coming in for the benefits of the physical department, and enjoying the various improvements which have been made during the summer. The opening on Monday evening, October 5, brought out the largest attendance in several years, and the prospect is bright for a "big" season. Are you with us? The bowling alleys have been put in the best of condition, and are seldom idle now that the season has commenced. Matches between the various teams are being arranged for basketball, baseball, and other leagues are now being organized, and all members will be given an opportunity to participate in, at least, one of them. Artesian well water will soon be used in the swimming pool, a well having been driven during the summer months. This will insure clean, clear and fresh water in the tank at all times and lessons in the art of swimming will be given to members without charge. A fencing club is being organized, lessons to be given for six months on Tuesday and Thursday nights. This is an excellent opportunity for men in the city to become adept in a popular and beneficial sport and pastime.

A series of practical educational talks under the auspices of the Hillyer Institute is being planned for the winter. This series will be on mechanical subjects, the first to be held on Friday evening, October 23, in Jewell Hall. Mr. Lester G. French, editor-in-chief of "Machinery," will speak on "The Mechanic and His Work." This talk will be illustrated by the stereopticon and all men are invited. The second in the series will be held on November 6. The subject is one that should appeal to all the citizens of Hartford, being "Mechanical Education." This talk was prepared by Mr. Edmund B. Weston, of Providence, R. I., and is illustrated by many views.

A Glee Club is to be one of the new features of the Association and will be under the direction of a competent leader. All members of the Association are eligible provided they have a sufficient knowledge of music, and the ability of using their voice in that capacity. A banjo, mandolin and guitar class has been organized in the Hillyer Institute, under the direction of Mr. William Bath. Mr. Bath has had experience in conducting such a class in Associations, so is well qualified for the work. This class meets on Wednesday evenings.

Every young man should have a knowledge of parliamentary law and know how to debate. The Hillyer Institute has conducted for the past two years a Debating Club, which has helped young men to acquire such a knowledge. The club meets this year on Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock.

An unexcelled opportunity is offered to the people of Hartford in the Star Course which the Association is to conduct this season, the first number to be given on Friday night, October 16.

The large Men's Meetings, which are held in the Opera House during the winter, will begin on Sunday, the first of November, and will be addressed by Roland Dwight Grant, D.D. The speakers that will be heard during the entire season are men of national reputation and subjects will be discussed which will be of interest to all men.

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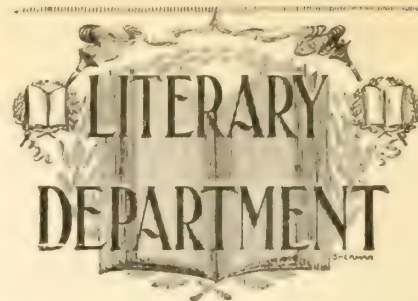
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The *Woman's Home Companion* for October contains sixty pages of interesting matter. The chief feature is the center pages, which contain pictures of all the world's "Record-Breakers." Valuable special articles are "Fun at Girls' Colleges," a scientific article by Hudson Maxim on "Inventions That Ought to be Invented," and a Nature-Study article on "Squirrels."

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth has published the first chapters of the story of her life and work in Leslie's Monthly for October and they make an article not only interesting but of great permanent value. She tells not only what she has done for our prisoners but what she is doing today.

Great men figure in every publication, but it is interesting to see a new line of greatness being exploited in *Everybody's Magazine*, which shows a pleasing tendency to celebrate "the man behind the gun" in place of the usual celebrities. An illustrated article in the October issue, "Heroes of the Hour," tells the plain story of various plain men who have risen to heroic heights during the past year in the emergencies of flood, feud and riot.

Andy Barr, by Willis B. Hawkins. 472 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Pub. Co., Price \$1.50.

A story of boy life containing an unusual and interesting character in "Andy," who is a philosopher of a quaint and homely type. Most of the story deals with the experiences of two boys of 1861. They enlist and take part in the Civil War and have their love affairs, which end as beautifully as the reader could wish.

Every one who takes up the story will keenly enjoy the progress of "The Hell-Hounds," the name applied to a plucky company that fought with bravery and brilliancy.

His Little World. By Samuel Merwin. 201 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.25.

Hunch Badeau, though almost a melodramatic character, is doubtless true to life, for the author is too well acquainted with the life and the types he depicts, to offer a caricature.

Considering this fact, one is ready to admire the big-hearted "Hunch," who is ready to sacrifice his love, whose nerve is superb in a crisis, who drives his schooner through the lake storm and who does not preach at all, but lives a nobility which proves an agreeable contrast to the usual eloquent self asserting "heroes."

Jack, the Fire Dog. By Lily F. Wesselhoeft. 284 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.00.

"Sparrow, the Tramp," and "Flipwing, the Spy," are remembered gratefully by many young readers who will welcome this new book in which the story of the sagacity and faithfulness of a dog is told.

"Jack" shared for many years the fortunes of a city fire-engine and was the much-loved pet of the members of the company, as well as of the large circle of outside friends among old and young.

Gay. By Evelyn Whitaker. 351 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.25.

Few anonymous writers have kept the secret of their authorship so long as had the writer of "Miss Toosey's Mission," when only recently she revealed herself as the author of that book and a goodly list besides.

For the most part this story is of a child and it is a beautiful study of character in that respect, but through the narrative runs a romance of delicacy and deep sentiment, not obtrusive, but just so apparent as to hold the interest closely, while giving one a wholesome comprehension of the full motive of the book.

Typical Elders and Deacons. By James M. Campbell, D. D. ("Hames Mann.") 137 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk and Wagnalls Co. Price \$1.00.

The book of sketches called "Clerical Types" by this author, noticed in these columns several years ago, aroused a natural curiosity as to which type the author represented. The question was not answered, however, though the cleverness of the portrait painter prepared one to be ready to enjoy his next work. Now it is here and it is as bright and as full of insight and humor as its predecessor.

One reads with deep interest about "A Deacon Not Ideal," "The Loquacious Deacon," and all the other types, some quite familiar to all.

As a quaint character study the book is thoroughly enjoyable.

The Philosophy of Despair. By David Starr Jordan. 40 pages, 12 mo. San Francisco: Elder & Shepard. Price \$1.00.

To one not familiar with this essay the title must sound depressing, yet it is in fact a dissection of the body and substance of pessimism, until the revealed skeleton proves that optimism, cheerfulness of spirit and trust in God is health, and despair nothing but disease.

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Mr. Bostock has accomplished wonders with animals, and his experiences are full of interest, despite the restrictions a modest man will place upon his own story. Many anecdotes are given, methods of training described, and some fallacies annihilated.

The illustrations, for the most part photographic reproductions, are unusual. We are enabled, through the courtesy of the publishers, to reproduce one of them on this page.

The Mystery of Murray Davenport. By R. N. Stephens. 312 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

The fault—to speak of a fault first—of this romantic tale is that one must

only is the mystery tantalizing, ingenious, and gracefully developed, but the characters, Bagley in particular, are noteworthy and are admirably depicted as well.

The interview between Bagley and Dr. Brady, the medico-criminologist, as reported in the story, shows a comprehension of some subtle traits of human nature, not often observed.

The book is well illustrated by H. C. Edwards.

Latin Grammar. By Wm. Gardner Hale and Carl D. Buck. 388 pages, 12 mo. Price \$1.00.

New Latin Grammar. By J. B. Greenough and J. H. Allen. 400 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Company. Price \$1.20.

The new Grammar by Professors Hale and Buck of the University of Chicago represents the work of specialists and embodies the results of many years of independent study in their respective fields. It therefore presents the facts of the language in their true relations to one another. Care has been taken to present the true historical development of the language in a way that will best appeal to the intelligence. Its new features will prove of great significance to all educators.

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The Golden Age. By Laura F. Richards. 123 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

The fable that pleases equally children of all ages, even though in different ways, is the one that, necessarily, is true to human nature. This true

thority and so little of the melo-dramatic, as is that Mr. Barry is a dramatic critic. His ability, especially as a critic, is pronounced, and well balanced. For that reason and for his experience, one cannot but accept as veracious all his pictures of the life.

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reader will find this work prophetic. Some of the chapter titles will indicate the trend of the book: "The Preacher as a Theologian;" "The Quest for a Theology;" "The Historical Ultimate—Optimism;" "The Religious Ultimate—Jesus Christ;" "The Absolute Ultimate—God."

The Sacrifice of the Shannon. By W. Albert Hickman. 323 pages, 12 mo. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co. Price \$1.50.

This story is as refreshing as the open air, its scene being a wide and varied one, its characters whole hearted and true ringing, its varied incident consisting of something more than the petty intrigue of polite society or tin soldiers.

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The volume is illustrated by reproductions of photographs, several of which are notably excellent. By courtesy of the publishers, one is reproduced on this page.

Ursula's Freshman. By Anna Chapin Ray. 303 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.20.

This is one of the healthiest and most natural stories for young people that have come to hand in a long while. It requires an unusual combination of talents to write good stories for young readers, and one gladly gives credit to the present author.

There is an impetuous, excitable young lady, with an infinite capacity for affection, who comes from Iowa to New York City. Her intuitive common sense and sympathies bring out some qualities in a boy cousin which make a man of him despite the danger of remaining a prig that had threatened him.

Ways of the Six-Footed. By Anna Botsford Comstock. 152 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 40 cents.

While the widest use of this little work will probably be as a supplementary reader in schools, yet it is one that all nature lovers, young or old, will delight in.

The story of the little piper and minn-singers, the history of a butterfly that found safety in a stolen uniform, of a bee that occupied a fourteen-story apartment house and the queer story of the hermit that turned troubadour—will all hold the interest closely.

The Insect Folk. By Margaret Warner Morley. 204 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 45 cents.

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In "The Pig Brother" the author does not give the pig credit for a natural cleanliness which some students of animal life have assured us he is deserving of.

A Daughter of Thespis. By John D. Barry. 347 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

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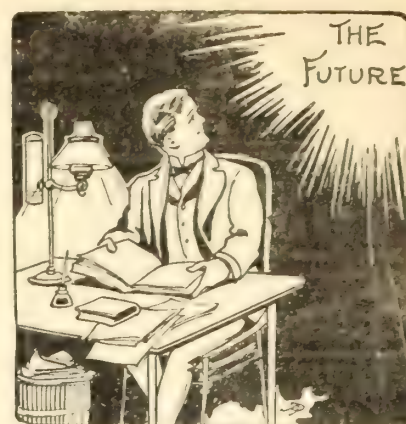
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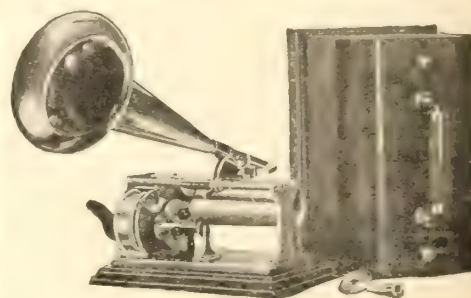
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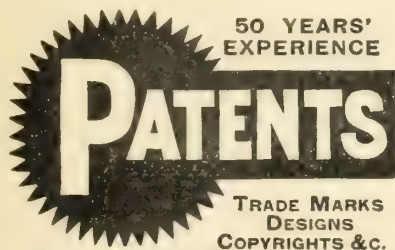
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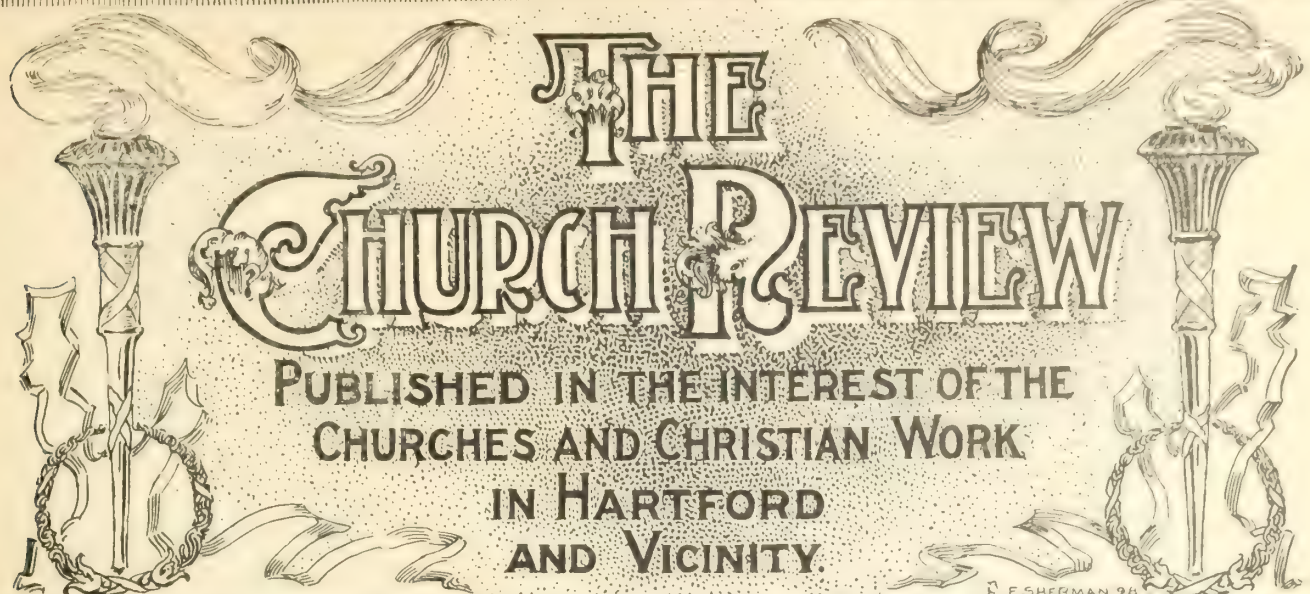
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Of text and legend. Reason's voice and
God's,
Nature's and duty's, never are at odds.
What asks our Father of His children
save
Justice and mercy and humility,
A reasonable service of good deeds,
Pure living, tenderness to human needs,
Reverence and trust and prayer for light
to see
The Master's footprints in our daily
ways?
No knotted scourge or sacrificial knife,
But the calm beauty of an ordered life,
Whose very breathing is unworded
praise,
A life that stands, as all true lives have
stood,
Firm rooted in the faith that God is
good.

—John G. Whittier.

WHY I AM A PRESBYTERIAN.

[Being in substance, an address delivered before the Young Men's Christian Association by Rev. W. W. Breckenridge.]

The invitation to state "Why I am a Presbyterian" is gladly accepted, because of the opportunity it gives me to define the merits of one branch of the Christian Church, which is certainly not so well known here in New England, as in other parts of the country.

The day is past, and it is to be hoped it will never return, when one would be heard with patience and respect who ventured to claim that his own particular sect was the only true Christian Church, and that all others were false. I am not making the claim that the Presbyterian Church is the only one which has the stamp of the divine seal and approval, and that all others are but human devices. We cheerfully recognize, to-day, that all have their good points, and we have sadly to admit that into all some weaknesses and mistakes have entered. You will expect me to claim that my own church has more good points and fewer poor ones than others. That is natural and, in fact, necessary. Pres-

byterianism is an inclusive term. We who bear the name of Presbyterians here in Hartford, are members of "The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." There is also "The Presbyterian Church, South," separated from us by the war of the Rebellion and not yet reunited, "The United Presbyterian Church," "The Cumberland Church," "The Reformed Church" and many smaller bodies which are branches of the same family. In all, there are some twenty thousand congregations in the United States and Great Britain, which hold to the faith and the forms of Presbyterianism.

The home of the church is in Scotland. It was to the city of Edinburgh that John Knox returned after his exile to Geneva, all on fire with what he had heard from the eloquent lips of the great reformer, John Calvin.

The reformation had begun in Scotland before Knox came, but it was a negative affair, a throwing off of the old system while, as yet, nothing had arisen to take its place. It was Knox, thundering from the pulpit of St. Giles', who gave shape and form to the new church. He placed the stamp upon it which it has retained in large measure, until now.

The church in this country has derived its life and principles from the church in Great Britain. Scotland and North Ireland have furnished the larger element, but much strength has also come from England and Wales and the Protestant communities in Holland and France.

Presbyterianism, as we know it in this country, is the result of the mingling of all these types, with the addition of a considerable body of New England Puritans who, on moving to the Middle States, have entered the Presbyterian Church. Our historians say that the first Presbytery was organized in the city of Philadelphia, in the spring of 1705, "by three Irishmen, one Scotchman and three New England Puritans." Of course individual churches had been planted here and there, long before that time. It is claimed that such a congregation was gathered together in New York City as early as 1628; certainly many such congregations were to be found

in Long Island and New Jersey in the latter part of the 17th century. The First General Assembly was held in Philadelphia in 1789.

From these small beginnings, has grown this great church of to-day, in her various branches, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Gulf into the Provinces of Canada.

I take it for granted that I am desired to set forth the possible forms, principles and doctrines of our church. Perhaps this can be done in no better way than in the form of reasons for seeking membership in this branch of God's kingdom.

I. The President of one of our leading universities said, not long ago, that he was a Baptist because he was raised one. I am inclined to give this as the first reason for being a Presbyterian. This is a better reason than appears at first thought. A man should stand loyally by his own church, the church in which he was born and reared, until forced out of it by reason of a change of belief. Even then there is great danger of making the change too soon, or of making it when unnecessary. One of the finest things in the life of Horace Bushnell was his refusal to be forced out of his own church. It was an evidence of true manly strength. In these days, when we are preaching tolerance until the word has become a kind of talisman, it becomes of the utmost importance that the distinction between tolerance and pure indifference should be kept sharp and clear. As a matter of fact, thousands of people see no such distinction. Your church tramp always justifies his conduct on the plea of tolerance. He belongs to no church, helps to support none, does nothing to advance the Kingdom of Christ on earth, and justifies it all by saying that he is tolerant. The only person who is really tolerant is the one who, firmly grounded in his own belief, and perfectly loyal to his own cause, yet sees that those who differ with him can, when to other organizations, may be as honest as he and as earnest in their desire to serve Christ. The training of early youth should not be deferred as one goes on in years. The fact that one has been born and reared in a church is a better

these names! To me it is an inspiration to belong to the church which their lives and works have honored.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

The Hawaiian Islands lie a little east of the center of the Pacific Ocean, and on the edge of the tropics. In climate they enjoy the combined advantages of the most favored localities in the temperate and tropic zones. The rainfall is very abundant, but not generally excessive. The heat never seems excessive, and sunstroke is unknown. There are eight inhabited islands in the group, having a total area of 6,740 square miles.

The islands were discovered by Captain Cook, in 1778. As he approached the islands the natives supposed his ship was itself a strange, moving island, and when they saw the sailors smoking cigars they called them fire-gods, and concluded that Captain Cook himself was their great god Lono. Captain Cook received very complacently the divine honors which were showered upon him, and he named the islands Sandwich, in honor of the Earl of Sandwich, then first lord of the admiralty. Returning from Alaska the next year, Captain Cook again visited the islands, where he was worshiped as before; but, by rash conduct, he incurred their enmity, and was killed February 14th, 1779. The spot where he fell is now marked by a suitable monument.

The next navigator who had much influence on their history was Captain George Vancouver, whose name is still cherished by the people as that of a generous benefactor. During 1792-94 he made three visits to the islands. He gave the chiefs seeds, plants, cattle and sheep. February 25th, 1794, Kamehameha and his chiefs voluntarily placed Hawaii under the protectorate of Great Britain.

In 1815 a Dr. Scheffer was sent to the islands by Baranoff—the Russian Governor of Alaska. He built a fort—which is now an interesting ruin on which the Russian colors were displayed; but he was soon expelled.

Kamehameha I. died in 1819, and was succeeded by his dissolute son and his favorite queen Kaahumauu, who exercised equal powers. The new monarchs speedily abolished the ancient "tabu"

system, and for the first time men and women ate together in public. The casting off of superstition was celebrated by a great festival, after which there was a general burning of idols.

The islands were at once before the missionaries. Loaded with bibles, they were distributed to the natives, and said, "The word of God is now upon the islands and the temples are destroyed."



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and temples throughout the islands. About this time the pioneer company of fourteen American missionaries left Boston, and, after a voyage of one hundred and sixty-three days, arrived at

The same year the first whale-ship called at the islands, and soon the number increased to about one hundred per annum.

In 1830 a fleet of fishing religious



THE HARBOR CHANNEL.

extravagant demands upon the islands, and enforced them with a threat of immediate war. The second peace treaty with the islands was made, February 25th, 1843, and for five months the islands had peace. In June of the Hawaiian, and the country was delivered to the United States. Then the government was made with impressive ceremonies; and November 28th, 1843, France and the United States made a treaty of friendship and alliance, to escape which the United States was forced to withdraw its troops from the islands. The purpose of the United States, the other two and several countries, to escape which the United States was forced to withdraw its troops from the islands.

The pure Hawaiians are a very interesting people. Their oral traditions extend back several centuries. They traced one branch of the Polynesian race, which settled most of the islands of the Pacific Ocean from New Zealand in the south to Easter Island in the east. They all speak dialects of the same language, and have the same manners and customs, traditions and rites, and also the same physical characteristics. A study of these data has led to the conclusion that their common ancestors came from the East Indian Archipelago, and that they were remotely related to the pre-Aryan races of Hindostan. During the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, according to current traditions, there was a general movement of the population of central

The people were polytheists. Their greatest god was called Kane, but all the powers of nature were conceived of as independent living beings—generally of malevolent disposition. Ancestor



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The rapidity of the depopulation of the Hawaiian people is probably unparalleled in the history of the human race. By the early navigators the population of the group was estimated at not less than 400,000. In 1832 the population had decreased to 130,000, and four years later to 108,000. In 1848 the pop-

ulation was only 80,000, with five times as many deaths as births, and at the present time the native population is less than 40,000. The Hawaiians are a dying race, and apparently they will become extinct in a few generations.

The Hawaiian Islands possess many attractions for tourists. The greatest of these are the two largest volcanoes in the world. The crater of Haleakala, on the Island of Maui, is the largest extinct crater in the world. The mountain is magnificent in its dead silence. It is more like the Mountains of the Moon than any other place on earth; an inspection of the moon through any telescope will give a good idea of Haleakala. This volcano at the summit is nineteen miles in circumference, and more than ten thousand feet above the sea. The bed of the crater is two thousand feet below the rim, and it presents an awful spectacle of desolation. It is in the form of an irregular triangle, seven miles long. At two of the corners are enormous gaps, two or three miles wide, through which the molten lava used to make its way in great rivers to the sea. The bottom of the abyss is an extensive field of lava, a sandy, rocky, treeless desert, and on it are raised fourteen distinct cones or chimneys of scoria, of different colors, some of them seven hundred feet high, but which from the top of the crater appear to be mere mounds of sand and ashes. It is probably the most impressive earthly picture of a dead world. There is no tradition of the time when it showed any signs of activity.

The famous volcano Kilauea is the largest in the world. Just as Haleakala is a panorama of death, so Kilauea is a picture of ever-changing demoniacal life and power. Hissings, throbings, roarings are heard, heat is felt and sulphurous gases are both smelled and tasted. Anon the crust of lava breaks and disappears in the depths below, while through the opening are projected streams of molten fire which illumine the night with fearful radiance, then, spraying into golden shower, they rain upon the surface below. The light flashes from the distant cliffs, and strange forms shape themselves in the changing light. From time immemorial the natives believed Kilauea to be the home of their great goddess Pele, and here with her attendant demons she bathed in the fiery billows. Animals and human beings were cast into the crater to appease her wrath, and even to this day does she not tear her hair? "Pele's hair" is a brittle floss spun by the wind from the molten lava, and may be carried away by any tourist as material evidence of her majesty's existence. Only a few years ago Princess Likiliki, sister of King Kalakaua, sacrificed her own life to appease this malevolent goddess, who was believed to be preparing a great eruption which might cost the lives of thousands. The volcano is peculiar in situation. Instead of being at the top of a mountain the crater is approached by descending two vast terraces, and it is not visible from any point at a greater distance than half a mile. It is supposed that it was originally a cone, which, having blown or burned out its "internals," collapsed to its present form of a vast lake, eight miles in circumference and fifteen hundred feet below the rim. This lake contains about sixty small conical craters, many of which are in almost constant activity.

The "tout ensemble" of the crater at night is more horribly sublime than anything which can be imagined even in the visions of unearthly things. The surface of the lake at times has all the agitation of an ocean; billow after billow tosses its monstrous bosom in the air, and occasionally those from different directions collide and burst with violent detonation, accompanied by magnificent pyrotechnics. At times the surface appears solid, save for a few breaks or seams. These lines form continually changing figures, like a kaleidoscope. Outlines of grotesque animals, shore lines on maps, artistic designs and geometrical forms follow each other in rapid succession. Since there is no danger in watching this display, visitors remain entranced for hours. "Old Faithful" is a periodical lava fountain which rises from the lake of fire, and performs on schedule time. Kilauea is itself periodical in activity.

Another famous Hawaiian volcano is Mokuawewe, "The Terrible," on the summit of Mauna Loa, 13,675 feet high. This, too, is a lake or pit, and is nine miles in circumference, and from 800 to 1,000 feet deep. This volcano has a regular period of eleven years. It has numerous fountains, several hundred feet high, which spout liquid lava like so many whales sporting at sea.

The greatest natural attraction in the vicinity of Honolulu is the Pali (precipice). It is reached by a beautiful drive through the broad avenue of the Nuuanu Valley. The valley seems to have been formed by an abrupt break in the great central volcano-ridge of the island; the lower part is open, but it gradually narrows between steep mountains. After climbing for three miles through a fairy-land we suddenly come upon a gash in the rocks. Through this gorge the trade winds blow with almost a whirlwind of violence. Proceeding a few yards to the right, the magnificent panorama of the Pali is before us. We stand upon the rim of the rock one thousand feet above the green meadows which smile below us. Gray walls of rock rise two thousand feet above us, and make a sky-line like mediaeval architecture. There are pinnacles, spires, domes, and long, unbroken walls, which would be the glory and strength of any fort. In the distance is the shoreless Pacific, breaking in great surges and beautiful billows of foam on the coral reef. And from the gleaming crescent of ocean sand to mountain wall there is an unbroken stretch of vernal green.

The most conspicuous object in the vicinity of Honolulu is the old coast crater called Leali, or Diamond Head. It is six miles from the town, and may be approached either by sea or land. Near the base of the crater stands the old village of Waikiki. Here is the stone house where Kamehameha the Great once lived. Waikiki also claims to be a fashionable seaside resort, and is a favorite place for surf-bathing and aquatic sports, for which the natives are famous.

Honolulu, the principal port of the islands, has an excellent harbor, of moderate size. Only a few miles distant is Pearl harbor, which is one of the best in the world.

"I am full of faults, but I am real and true, and the whole devotion of an earnest soul cannot be overprized."—Huxley.



FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated last Sabbath and three persons admitted as members of our fold, one being by letter.

There is being formed in our church a Junior League, embracing children from ten to sixteen years of age. The object is for religious instruction and will be led by our pastor and some of the older workers in the Senior Endeavor Society.

Our young people's meeting Sunday, Nov. 8, was ably led by Mr. James Wyper. Mr. Latham of the choir rendered two solos from Mendelssohn's Oratorio "Elijah," "Lord God of Abraham" and "It is enough." Many thanks are hereby extended both to him and Mr. Loveland, who played for him.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The general work is being taken up by the different societies.

The sewing society has commenced its good work, two barrels of useful articles being sent away last week.

The Pastor's Aid Society invited the Young People's Society to a Halloween entertainment in the chapel, October 30. Great credit is due them for a delightful evening.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

To help the cause of missions, the Sunday-school and Loyal Workers' Society united recently in a mission concert in a modest way.

A few recitations and reading, interspersed with music, all simple in character, but bearing on mission themes, filled the hour of one Sunday evening pleasantly and profitably, also, as the collection for missions was very good.

The Women's Mission Society is engaged in packing barrels of supplies to be sent to needy ministers' families in home mission fields, South.

Once again we have to enroll the name of one of our oldest members on the list of the dead. Mrs. S. B. Colton, of Blue Hills Avenue, died in October, after a long period of failing health. She was well thought of, and beloved, and we are sorry to lose her.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST

Mrs. W. D. Monnier has been appointed superintendent of the Junior Epworth League.

On November 20 and 21, there will be an entertainment and sale for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Kitchen Fund, at the parsonage and chapel.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is planning to send a Thanksgiving box of dry groceries and canned goods to the Brooklyn Deaconess Home, also a Christmas box to Harwood Home, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On Sunday, November 15, the morning service will be in the interest of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Anna Limberger of Pueblo, Mexico, will speak.

The mid-week prayer meeting, November 12, will be addressed by Mr. Leroy T. Farnum, assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

BLUE HILLS AVENUE CHAPEL.

We are glad to report that the work here has received a new impulse through the coming of the Rev. J. M. Davis as resident pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are already winning laurels, some of the knotty problems relating to the chapel work are becoming less difficult of solution, and altogether we feel that we are entering upon a new era of usefulness and possible blessing.

New hymn books to be used in the Sunday-school and evening services are soon to be purchased.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

Three members were received by letter November 1, Mrs. Lucy Tucker, from Manchester and the Misses Leona and Leola Andrews from Talcottville. This makes a total of twenty-six accessions for the year, seventeen of them on confession of faith.

A communion prayer meeting was held fifteen minutes before the morning service November 1. There was a large attendance and deep interest.

The pastor has been giving an interesting and instructive series of lectures, on the history of the English Bible, Thursday evenings.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper on October 30.

The Mission wishes to thank the following, who have been our speakers the past month: Rev. A. D. Leavitt and Rev. Mr. Melindy of Elmwood. Rev. J. A. Otis, on October 25, gave an instructive talk to the younger folks. He applied chemistry to his explanations and was particularly interesting. November 8, Mr. Gulserian talked on "Life in Persia," using stereopticon views.

October 20, four of the King's Sons spent the evening with Dexter Blair of Bristol, Conn., who formerly belonged to the Mission.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last Teachers' Tea, Prof. C. S. Beardslee spoke in a very interesting way of "Christ, the Great Teacher." The teachers in the Sunday-school have voted to study this winter Prof. Beardslee's new work upon the above subject.

On Monday evening, Herbert Henry Booth gave an illustrated lecture upon the early Christian martyrs to a large audience.

The choir is busily engaged in rehearsing for "The Messiah," which is to be given in December. The regular chorus has been increased by the addition of several new members for this special service.

The church is conducting a canvass of the section of the city in the immediate vicinity of the church, in an endeavor to reach the non-going church people and to reach the children of Sunday-school age not in Sunday-school. Con-

siderable success has already been secured.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

On Friday, November 26, the Junior Circle of the Young People's Federation will hold a fair at Mrs. Twichell's house on Woodland street, the proceeds to be sent to the Institute for the Blind in this city.

Dr. Tracy of Marsovan, Turkey, was with us on Sunday, November 8, and gave two very successful and most interesting talks on his work in the past thirty-six years.

On Thanksgiving Day there is to be a union service at this church at the usual hour of morning service. The Rev. Mr. McGeehon of the Glenwood church will preach.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

Presiding Elder Rev. W. A. Richard, of New Haven, was present Saturday afternoon, November 6, and held the second and third quarterly conferences.

The following were elected a commission to arrange for the election of a delegate to the lay electoral conference in Brooklyn next April: A. N. Filley, Frank Burger and W. F. Granger.

At the annual meeting of the Epworth League the following officers were elected: Pres. Miss Edna G. Bidwell; 1st vice-pres. (spiritual department), Miss Alice B. Goodwin; 2d vice-pres. (mercy and help department), Mrs. J. A. Wilson; third vice-pres. (social department), W. F. Granger; secretary and treasurer, Miss Bertha M. Goodwin. The sum of \$12.50 was voted paid to the church treasurer, same being one-half of the pledge of the League toward the pastor's salary.

A social and supper will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society with Mr. and Mrs. M. Morse, on the Rockwell homestead, Tuesday evening, November 17.

A considerable portion of the money earned by the fair has been used in the extensive repairing of the horse sheds and the erection of a storage house for fuel.

A fine meeting was held Sunday evening, November 8, and the pastor gave a very earnest appeal to all to consecrate their lives to Christ, after which a special and impressive service of prayer was held, the church members kneeling at the front of the church.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The sixty-ninth annual church meeting, reunion and supper were held on Thursday evening, October 22, with about 200 in attendance. Reports were heard from the various organizations connected with the church. Mr. A. W. Brown was re-elected superintendent of the Bible school and two deacons were also re-elected.

On Friday evening, October 30, the Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters gave a Hallowe'en Social. Ice cream and cake were served and the proceeds were given to the work of the Bible school.

Thursday evening, November 5, a series of evangelistic meetings were begun and will be conducted by Rev. C. C. Maxfield, of New York state.

At the meeting Sunday evening, November 8, the body of the church was well filled and at the close some accepted Christ as their Savior

After meetings have been held at the close of service for the past three Sunday nights, at which from 75 to 100 have been present and a very deep spiritual power has been manifest.

The Juniors meet each Sunday at 5 p. m., in the church parlors and have very interesting meetings. An address by the pastor is a leading feature.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Mr. Macy is recovering after several weeks of asthma and pneumonia.

The Church Aid Society held a supper and musical November 6; 15 cents admission included both.

Mr. Norman P. Camp and Miss Bertha Wildes of East River were married October 21.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kirkshaw, and Mr. Joshua Belden have been appointed delegates to the Sunday-school convention in Norwich.

Mr. Lansing gave a talk on mission work in Bohemia, Sunday morning, November 8. In the evening he talked upon the life of John Huss. Both meetings were exceedingly interesting.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

This church held its "Harvest Supper" in Grange Hall, November 3, with profitable results, having cleared about \$45. Much credit is due the ladies in charge for their earnest efforts and hard work.

The new furnace is in and working satisfactorily.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The first meeting of the season of the "Men's League" was held Thursday evening, Oct. 22, at the Colt memorial house.

The rector presided and introduced Rev. Ashley D. Leavitt, of the South Congregational church.

He gave an address on "Some Experiences in a Maine Fishing Village." His remarks were highly interesting. Mr. Leavitt had spent two summers a short time since as minister to the people at the little village, and had become well acquainted with the quaint life of the fisher folk. Mr. Alvin Comstock sang two or three songs in good voice.

The November meeting will be held Thursday, the 19th. Prof. Herbert Hopkins of Trinity College, will be the speaker and his subject, "Shakespeare, and Stratford-on-Avon, as it now is." A male quartet will furnish the vocal music.

The Daughters of the King will serve the lunch at the meetings of the "League" for the first half of the season. The Girls' Friendly Society will render this service the last half of the season. The social part of the meetings has been very pleasant to those attending, and these two societies have contributed their service freely to make it so.

The hour for the Sunday afternoon service at the church is four o'clock, from November to May. These services are being better attended than formerly.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

It is hoped that a large delegation from our church will go down to the meetings conducted by Rev. Campbell Morgan at the Center church, Hartford,

in December. We are using the topics for our Thursday evening meetings, suggested by the committee which is preparing for the meetings.

Our pastor is giving a series of lectures Sunday evenings upon "Some Hebrew Types of Women." November 1, "Rebekah;" Nov. 8, "Miriam;" Nov. 15, "Deborah;" Nov. 22, "Naomi;" Nov. 29, "Ruth;" Dec. 6, "The Woman of Endor;" Dec. 13, "Esther."

In the death of Mrs. Sarah Power, which occurred in October, our church lost a valuable member.

Miss Gertrude Fenton has become Mrs. Herbert Cooley and removed to New Britain.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Sunday-school is trying the experiment of holding its sessions immediately after the morning service, instead of, as heretofore, in the afternoon.

The Young Men's Guild will begin shortly to hold their meetings regularly.

The publication of the Record was given up for the months of July and August, and as yet, has not been resumed. Whether it will be, is a matter not as yet decided by the managers.

The Knights of Temperance have commenced their meetings in the parish rooms.

On the evenings of Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27 and 28, a general convention will be held in Jewell Hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Our church will be represented by delegates.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting of the Glenwood society was held Thursday, October 29, a large number being present. Preceding the meeting was a supper, with toasts, responded to by Rev. Mr. MacGeehon, Messrs. Sexton, Lewis, Wilder, Doane, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Parvo, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Young and others. The occasion was one of much interest and good fellowship.

At the church meeting following, numerous reports were read, all showing good progress, both materially and spiritually. Officers were elected for the coming year, including Mrs. W. D. Gray, superintendent of the Sunday-school; George H. Wilder, assistant superintendent; George P. Kayser, secretary; Geo. H. Wilder, treasurer.

The King's Daughters gave a very pleasant entertainment in the church parlors Wednesday, November 11.

All who attended the "Old Maids' Convention" last spring, will be pleased to learn that these respected ladies are just back from the Klondike, and next Wednesday evening will give an account of their travels. It is hoped that this notice will be widely circulated. Remember the date, November 18, at Glenwood Congregational church.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society is deserving of special notice for the good work it is doing. During the past year this organization has provided funds for the church music, is at present packing two missionary barrels, and the ladies have pledged themselves to provide \$25 toward the church expenses for the coming year.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will give a social and candy sale Friday evening, November 13.

The normal training class of the Sunday-school is making arrangements for a supper.

The next church social, the third Friday in the month, will be in charge of the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters and the Willing and Kind Circle.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper a week ago which was largely attended.

The Choral Club has been reorganized. Rehearsals are held Monday evening, at 8:15.

Last Sunday the pastor preached a sermon about our foreign pastor, Rev. Mr. Knapp, who is located in Harpoot, Turkey.

The Sunday before the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Mr. Pease of Plantsville, who preached in exchange with Mr. Peabody.

The pastor has arranged a special service for the boys and girls once a month, at the Sunday afternoon service.

The teachers' tea was held last month.

A very helpful talk was given by Professor Jacobus of the Seminary, his topic being "Christ, the Ideal Teacher."

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ladies' Aid Society cleared \$40 from their supper given last week.

Five young men united with our church on confession of faith at our November communion.

Our superintendent has established an informal gathering of our Sunday-school teachers, to be held after the church prayer meeting, to consider the interests of the school.

An effort is being made again this year on the part of the male portion of our members, for a further reduction of the church indebtedness of several thousand dollars.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The Christmas sale of the Ladies' Society will be held earlier than usual this year and efforts are being made to have it an unusual success, both from the point of view of the patron and the givers.

The ladies of the church have been raising a fund for making repairs to the basement of the Parish House and the profits of this sale will be added to their fund.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

This is the season for annual meetings among the charities.

The City Missionary Society held its annual meeting October 20. The old officers were re-elected. A new home for the society is being erected on Village Street.

The Children's Aid Society closed its year's work October 28, with a meeting of two sessions and an intervening lunch. A new building has been opened at the home in Newington. Through a law passed at the last General Assembly a number of incurable children have been committed to the care of the society at public expense. The Hartford branch of this society met November 2, and

elected Mrs. Mary V. Seymour, President.

The Kindergarten for the Blind held its tenth anniversary November 5.

The Sunshine Society gave a successful fair at Unity Hall in October.

The Union for Home Work fair occurred at Jewell Hall November 3. As usual the fair was highly successful in respect to proceeds and a very pleasant social occasion.

The Charity Organization Society will close a busy year's work with its annual meeting November 19.

The Hartford Hospital has announced the necessity of closing the branch for the care of consumptives and making other retrenchments. It seems likely that the city will have to assume a larger share of the cost of caring for contagious cases.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The work of the Open Hearth is still increasing and never before has there been so great an interest taken by the large numbers who nightly attend the meetings. The attention given to the addresses both morning and evening shows the desire on the part of those who attend, both to live good lives themselves, and to help others to do so. The morning meetings held at 9 o'clock and the few words spoken then by the Superintendent, have drawn many to desire better things and been productive of much good. The girls' room is filled each evening with a cheerful company and is a desirable place for them to spend their evenings. The Women's Society has meetings each week and the rooms are filled to their utmost capacity, while the address on the duties of wives and mothers, and the singing of hymns, are a source of profit and pleasure to all. Our beautiful grounds have now been prepared for the winter and the building, with its new coats of paint, shows the attention paid to the comfort of its inmates. We are now looking forward to a season of joy and thankful work, remembering that it is the effort we make which will receive commendation and reward. The wood yard is prepared to furnish all kinds of wood and all sizes, at the market price, and is doing a large business. Orders for wood help us to keep the men who apply busy and at the same time supply families at same prices as other yards charge. Thus, without cost to themselves, our customers can do an act of charity to those who apply here for help.

We are now nearing Thanksgiving Day and our generous friends should not forget to send their contributions to Superintendent Miller towards supplying the annual dinner to our inmates. Clothing, also, and shoes are much needed and those who at this season of the year remember their less fortunate brethren will surely receive a blessing.

Messrs A. C. Northway & Co. have bought out the fish market at 329 Asylum street, and will carry a full line of meats, poultry, fish and vegetables. Give them a trial order. Telephone 218-12.

Note the ad. of the Grand Union Tea Co., in another column. A substantial gift is offered with a pound of baking powder.

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THANKSGIVING.

Dear to the heart of the New Englander is the festival of Thanksgiving with its good cheer and happy family reunions. Dear to other sections of the country too, probably, but especially so to us, since we invented it, so to speak. And the flavor of the native turkey, the time-honored cranberry, as well as the mince pie, is still peculiar to New England.

As a religious festival it is a little decadent, perhaps, and a pity, too, since the Giver of all things is surely entitled to praise and thanksgiving, as well as to continuous petition. The opportunity for a service of public thanksgiving in the house of God is still open to all and should surely be more generally taken advantage of. That the spirit of Thanksgiving is far more universal than its formal observance, is, however, doubtless a creditable fact.

For gifts material, let us be thankful. For gifts of friends, home, health and the many things which make toward contentment, let us be thankful. For gifts spiritual and the continued hope of a blessed future life, let us be thankful. For adversity which chastens, but purifies, the spirit,—for prayer unanswered, for our greater blessing,—for the afflictions, which we are assured shall work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory—let us also endeavor to be thankful.

For blessings of the fruitful season,
For work and rest, for friends and
home,
For the great gifts of thought and
reason,
To praise and bless Thee, Lord, we
come.

Yes, and for weeping and for wailing,
For bitter hail and blighting frost,
For high hopes on the low earth trailing,
For sweet joy missed, for pure aims
crossed.

THE MORGAN MEETINGS.

The coming series of Northfield Extension evangelical meetings, to be conducted here from December 1 to 10, by Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D., are arousing the interest of all the churches in this vicinity. The present period is one of preparation and pastors are earnestly striving to awaken a deep spiritual life in their congregations, so that Dr. Morgan may find a prompt, hearty, and universal support, in his efforts to win to the Christian life those in our midst who have now no part in it.

The meetings will be held afternoon and evening in Center church, excepting Saturday, when no meetings will be held, and Sunday, December 5, when the meetings will be held in the Hartford opera house.

Dr. Morgan is a preacher of great power and deep spirituality, and his audiences cannot go away unmoved. He will require, and naturally expects, the hearty co-operation of other Christian workers and little can be accomplished of permanent good without such help. There is work enough for all and as each individual accomplishes or evades his own part, will the meetings be more or less fruitful.

THE HOSPITAL.

The deplorable condition of finances at the hospital is again a matter of grave public concern. There is a limit to the generosity, even of Hartford's citizens, and they cannot be expected to make up a large deficit year after year. So it seems an absolute necessity to curtail on some of its most important work.

Logically, the city should pay the bills, as a hospital is as necessary a public

institution as any other. But it is equally logical, that if it pays the bills, it should manage the institution and there's the rub. For while we manage fairly well in some departments, in spite of frequent political changes, it could hardly fail to work disastrously in case of a hospital, professional, as well as political jealousy, both contributing to render harmony impossible.

The problem is a knotty one and the only solution at present apparent is a most unsatisfactory one. To curtail the work will naturally mean a reduction in expenses. But it will also mean an increased cost in human suffering and in human lives.

The reception given November 10, by the committee in charge of The Shelter, on Temple street, was largely attended and much interest was manifested in the work. The Shelter is filling a needed mission and, though working quietly, is accomplishing much good. At its reception it made many new friends who were pleased at the homelike appearance of the rooms and impressed with the importance of the work being done.

Russia and Japan, it is reported, are coming to an amicable agreement regarding the disputed territory in the East. Coming together as two thieves, perhaps, to divide up what belongs to neither. And like two thieves, probably, would like to fly, each at the other's throat. It will probably come to that, eventually, and then one of the thieves can have things all his own way—perhaps! China still sleeps, while her dismemberment is going on, but she may awaken some day and work terrible vengeance on her would-be executioners. Meanwhile, the dove of peace still lingers in the East, for which the nations of the earth can be thankful.

It seems as though the good people of New York were being unduly censured for allowing Tammany to again gain control of its city government. What could be expected of any community which was made the dumping ground for a horde of ignorant and more or less vicious foreigners? True, most of them drift away before they can honestly cast a vote in the big city, but enough remain to decide its political destinies. The wonder is that the better classes are ever in control. Let's bestow a little sympathy on New York, instead of calling it so many hard names. The blame rests more on the immigration laws, which it is high time were amended.

The revolution at Panama is a timely event for Uncle Sam and the shrewd old gentleman is not likely to block the scheme. It looks more like a business, than a political proposition and the losers

in the deal are apparently entitled to but scant sympathy and apparently that is what they are receiving on all sides. The republic of Colombia was trying its hardest to hold up the U. S. A. for a big sum, when the tables were suddenly turned and it found itself held up and it loses all it might have gained. Sympathy can be placed to better advantage than with the republic of Colombia.

Request is made on the part of the officers of the United Society of large number of clergymen of different denominations, that Tuesday, December 1, be set apart as a day of united and individual prayer for a revival of spiritual power. Especially are the young people's societies urged to take an active part and, if necessary, the initiative. For united prayer, special meetings are suggested on that day.

Commissioner General Frank P. Sargent of the Bureau of Immigration has made his annual report, which shows that 857,046 immigrants arrived in this country during the last fiscal year. Over one-fourth came from Italy and almost as many from Austria-Hungary. More than one-fifth could neither read nor write. The total amount of money brought by them into the United States was \$16,117,513. Nearly nine thousand were rejected because they were paupers, diseased or contract laborers. The report indicates a marked improvement in the enforcement of the complex and strongly resisted Chinese exclusion laws.

On a recent Sunday many of Hartford's clergymen had a word of reproof for the lottery recently held in connection with one of the annual fairs, incidentally reproving the mayor for presiding at the distribution of prizes. This criticism has been much resented and construed to mean opposition to the fairs, themselves, but such is emphatically not the case. The protest was against gambling, pure and simple, for such all must admit was the recent lottery. It was a direct violation of law and so the mayor's part in it was particularly inappropriate. But it was discreditable, alike, to all who had a part in it, and is a method of raising money which has justly been outlawed. We have repeatedly hauled before our police court newsboys who have violated the same law of morals by "shooting craps."

It is to be regretted that Rev. Herbert A. Barker, assistant pastor at the Fourth church, is to leave Hartford, but he has been called to a new field where his opportunities, perhaps, will be even greater than here. The Boylston Congregational church of Jamaica Plain, Mass., will gain what Fourth church and Hart-

ford loses. The Church Review wishes its correspondent entire success and happy relations in his new field.

The recent town elections showed a decided gain for no-license, which is cause for thanksgiving. In some cases the change was the other way, but the net gain was on the right side. So the cause of temperance progresses.

MORGAN STREET CHAPEL.

The kitchen garden class has reopened at the Morgan Street Chapel with a large class and a good deal of enthusiasm. This is a very popular class, and the girls attempt conscientiously to carry out the teachings in their homes.

A choir has been formed from the girls of the Sunday-school, under the direction of Miss Twichell, and their singing is a great help in the music of the school.

A boys' club for the boys of the Sunday-school is to be started November 10. The boys will be given lessons in military tactics and will also enjoy the benefit of gymnastic exercises.

The Mothers' meetings are well attended and have been greatly favored the past month with violin music by Miss Louise Twichell and vocal solo by young ladies from different churches. The Bible talks are on the life of Christ and the women seem deeply interested.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A chorus of thirty-seven voices has been organized under the leadership of Mr. Willis L. Gelston of the Seminary, to aid in the singing of the congregation Sunday morning and to lead the music at the Sunday evening service.

The ladies of the church will give a sale and supper at the Y. M. C. A. building, on Wednesday, December 2. This has come to be an annual affair in the church, and one which is always successful in raising money and promoting sociability.

Thanksgiving will be observed in our church by special services on the Sunday preceding, November 22.

A Hallowe'en Social was given in the church parlors on Monday evening, November 2, which was greatly enjoyed by a large party of young people.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The pastor and Mrs. Pattison held an informal reception at their home on Windsor Avenue, on the afternoon and evening of October 28, for members of the congregation and friends.

A missionary box has just been filled through the efforts of the ladies of the church and sent to a family on the Maine coast.

The mothers' meetings are having a steady and interested attendance. Mrs. Wilson read a paper on "Deep Sea Missions" on October 14, which was very much appreciated by the mothers. At

the meeting of October 28, Mrs. Melberger sang and Mr. Kellogg recited, exercises that were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The pastor's assistant, Miss Clara B. Smith, has resigned that position. Miss Smith's many friends in the church will miss her ever ready and earnest services.

The Hartford Superintendents' Union held their first meeting of the season in our church, Monday, October 19.

Rally Day in our Sunday school brought an unusually large number together and great interest was shown in the service.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

The Local Conference of Congregational Churches was held November 3, in Poquonock church. Our church was represented by the minister, D. R. Howe and Everett S. Geer.

The convention in New Haven from November 17 to 19, was represented by the minister, O. A. Phelps and E. W. Hooker.

The State Sunday-school Convention in Norwich, this week, will have as our delegates, Superintendent O. A. Phelps, Mrs. E. F. Talmadge, and Miss Helen Brown.

The annual fair and sale of the Young Women's Home Mission Club was held in the church parlors on Friday, October 23.

Wednesday, October 21, occurred the annual meeting of the Hartford Branch of the Women's Board. Both morning and afternoon sessions were held. Luncheon was served to the delegates and guests in the chapel by a committee of ladies representing all the Congregational churches in the city.

October 23, the Hartford C. E. Union held a rally in the church, having sessions in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The remainder of the church's indebtedness has been discharged by a general subscription and many necessary repairs to both church and parsonage made. The total sum raised was \$10,800.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Five members joined our church at the last communion. On confession of faith, four, Mrs. Relyea, Mrs. Risley, Miss Hamilton and Miss Fuller, and by letter, Miss Houseman. Mr. C. A. Relyea's and Mr. A. H. Mann's infants were baptized.

The Young Men's Club recently gave a cantata for the benefit of the church. There was an excellent program.

There is under consideration the formation of a Junior Endeavor Society.

Rev. Mr. Waite of Talcottville, exchanged with our pastor last Sunday.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

FIRST METHODIST.

On Sunday evening, October 18, a union service of the four young people's societies of the local Methodist churches met at the South Park M. E. church. A very interesting and most helpful meeting was held.

Wednesday evening, October 21, the Ladies' Aid Society held a Penny Social at the home of Mrs. W. A. North, Whitney street. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all attending.

Sunday evening, October 25, we had the pleasure of listening to a solo by Mrs. Nellie Carey Reynolds, "Light in Darkness," by Cowen.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society gave an apron and candy sale at the home of Miss Alice Woolley, Wednesday afternoon, October 28.

Miss Eleanor Newell, daughter of the superintendent of our Sunday-school, sailed October 3, for Paris. She will remain there for some months for study.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The rummage sale, which we held recently, was a great success.

The Men's Club now has a membership of nearly fifty.

The Girls' Friendly Society had an interesting service the first Tuesday in the month, and St. Mary's Guild had their service and entertainment the first Saturday in the month.

The Ladies' Missionary Society and the Penny-a-day Society are both doing good work.

The recent pleasant Sundays have resulted in large congregations.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

We rejoice in the fact that we are to have a bell for our church, as we have never had one. We also expect to have the church lighted hereafter by electricity. The last improvement is made possible through the will of our late dear sister, Mary W. Wright.

The meeting of the Mission Circle last week was made interesting by a partial report from the convention by Mrs. Coudrey, who was a delegate.

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

A reception was given Dr. and Mrs. Stone in the church parlors Tuesday evening, October 27, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by those present. Rev. Mr. Maplesden, who is holding evangelistic meetings in Springfield, was present, also Rev. Mr. Devine, our State missionary, and Rev. Mr. Genung, of Wethersfield. Pleasant memories of the occasion will long remain with those who participated.

Our former Junior superintendent, Miss Edith Harrington, and the assistant superintendent, Mr. Marion B. Denison, were united in marriage November 5. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's aunt in Middletown. A delegation of Hartford people were in attendance.

A very interesting missionary meeting was held by the Woman's Circle in the church parlor, November 6, Mrs. Gordon, the vice-president, presiding.

There is an increase of attendance at the C. E. meetings, also on Thursday evenings at the weekly prayer meeting, our pastor requesting much prayer for

a deeper work of grace in the hearts of those professing Christ, and a great work by the Holy Spirit in convicting and converting those who are without a Saviour.

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

The harvest supper given by the ladies of the parish, a few weeks ago, was very successful.

The regular monthly socials for the parish have begun.

On Sunday evening, November 22, confirmation and the dedication of the organ transept, will be held in our church, at 7 o'clock.

The young people of the church have formed a junior choir.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

October 18, Prof. E. H. Sneath of Yale College, preached both morning and afternoon.

The attendance at Sunday-school is very large and the collections show a marked interest in beneficence. We have undertaken to help a girl in Berea College by paying forty dollars toward her tuition and the girls in Miss Robertson's class have written letters to her, the answer to which they are eagerly awaiting.

Friday evening, October 23, the Christian Endeavor Society gave a social to the young people of the church, which took the form of a tin shower to Mr. and Mrs. Ranney. There were many strangers to be met, introduced and welcomed, who now know themselves to be longer strangers.

The affair was a decided success socially.

There is a renewed interest in the C. E. Society and the following new members have been added: Mr. Adams and Mr. Thompson of the Seminary, Miss Geneva Trumbull, Miss Marguerite Smith and Miss Russell.

The attendance has increased and new work is being organized.

Mr. Ranney's topics for the Thursday evening meetings this season are the Psalms.

Mrs. Ranney has been elected president of the Mission Circle, which will give a supper for the young people some time during the present month.

The Sunday-school is to have a new picture to hang upon the walls and Miss Mary Plympton and Miss Marian Jones will select it.

We note with pleasure the number of strangers who are attending now our church services and would here extend a hearty welcome to them to come to the socials in order to get well acquainted.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The executive board of the State Y. P. C. U. met in Hartford, Saturday, October 24, to formulate plans and talk over the work of the Union in general for the coming year, six members of the board being present.

On Sunday evening, October 25, the several members of the State board made short addresses before the meeting of the Young People's Guild, the topic being "Growth," and the speakers referred to the special work which each one had to do in the work of the young people throughout the State.

The meeting was very much enjoyed

and will be of lasting benefit to the Hartford Union.

Our pastor, Rev. John Coleman Adams, preached a very forceful and instructive sermon, Sunday, November 8, on "Good Citizenship." The sermon was particularly a young people's sermon, and was given at the suggestion of the members of the Young People's Guild, which has as one of their special lines of work "Christian Citizenship." A large congregation heard and thoroughly enjoyed the sermon.

Along this same line of "Good Citizenship," Dr. Adams, and a special committee of young men from the Young People's Guild, have arranged for a series of four talks bearing on this subject.

These meetings are to be held once a month, on Wednesday evenings, immediately after the supper of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and are to be addressed by men who are connected in some way with the government of this city.

The first meeting will be held at 7.30, November 18, and Mayor Sullivan will give a talk on "What can good citizens do to help their officials?" The meeting will be open to all who are interested in this subject. Mayor Sullivan, as the chief executive of the city, should have some good hints for the citizens of Hartford, which would point strongly to their duty to the city and its officials. On Sunday evening, November 11, will occur the second of our monthly vesper services. Special music is being arranged and as Thanksgiving Day is near, the service will be appropriate to the season.

UNITY CHURCH.

On October 30, a Children's Social was held from 5 to 8 p. m. The usual program of supper and games was followed and an enjoyable time was spent.

On November 1, Rev. Mr. Waite preached on "Prisons—Past, Present and Future." The sermon aroused so much interest, it was published in full in the *Hartford Times*.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

On Thursday evening, October 15, a reception was given in the parish hall, by the different parochial organizations, for the new rector, Rev. Henry Macbeth, and Mrs. Macbeth. There was a large attendance of the people of the parish, as well as others who took this opportunity to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Macbeth to the city and the work they have undertaken. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. N. Crosby, wife of the senior warden, and Mrs. W. F. Whittelsey, president of the Parish Guild. The wardens and vestrymen acted as ushers, and several of the ladies poured coffee and chocolate and served light refreshments. Among those who attended were Bishop Brewster, the rectors of most all of the Episcopal churches in the city, with their wives, and some from nearby towns; also the pastors of other churches in the neighborhood. Letters of regret were received from a number of other Episcopal clergymen, as all in this Arch-Deaconry were invited.



HARTFORD C. E. UNION NOTES.

One of the most enjoyable and thoroughly interesting sessions ever held, was the District meeting, October 23, in conjunction with the annual meeting of this Union.

The morning and afternoon sessions were well attended and especially praiseworthy were the addresses of Rev. J. J. Dunlop of Roxbury, Mass., Pres. Mass. C. E. Union, and Rev. Burdette B. Brown, of St. Paul's M. E. church of Parkville. The evening session was not so well attended owing to a rain storm that set in about 7 p. m.

Judge E. M. Warner of Putnam, Ct., gave one of his earnest stirring addresses on Prison Reform. Then we were given a rare treat in the person of the Gen'l Sec'y of the United Society, Mr. Von Ogden Vogt, who gave us much food for thought and outlined the general principles of C. E. work as we hope to enlarge on it this coming winter. Altogether, Hartford had one of its old time Endeavor rallies and the genial faces of Rev. Russell T. Hall, the presiding officer, Mr. H. H. Spooner, J. H. Mansfield and a host of Connecticut's foremost workers in this work, gave us all a new and genuine desire to keep at the work, even though at times we are in caves of despair, seemingly alone. Yet the "still small voice" awakens us to the fact that God is on the side of right. Mr. Nelson B. Bassett, an ex-president of Hartford Union, entertained Von Ogden Vogt, the new Gen'l Sec'y of United Society, during his stay in the city.

Rev. Carl Stockman of East Cornwall, and Rev. E. P. Jones of Ellington, were in attendance upon the District meeting.

Rev. John W. Logan of Hyde Park, Mass., was here at the District session and spoke on Junior Work. We shall miss his pleasing presence and wise counsel, but Massachusetts is the gainer thereby. We hope his worth will be appreciated there.

The Hartford Union held its business session at 4:45 p. m., October 23, and after the hearing of reports elected the following officers: President, Albert H. Brooks; sec'y-treas., Grace D. Thayer; junior supt., Mrs. J. B. Sexton; vice-presidents, Northern Section, Miss Jennie M. Lester; Southern Section, Mr. B. E. MacKeen; Eastern Section, Mr. Henry S. Goslee; Central Section, Mr. Geo. H. Wilder; North Western, Rev. C. H. Berg.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Nov. 15—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—How may we help abolish the saloon?—Eph. vi, 10-13. (Temperance.)

That the saloon should be abolished should admit of no question. That it is the direct cause of drunkenness cannot be denied, nor can it be so regulated by the state as to make it possible

for the saloon to exist without making drunkards. License as a preventive of excessive drinking is a failure. The most stringent laws about selling to minors and to confirmed drunkards have proved a failure. The young patronize the saloons, and those cursed with the appetite for strong drink have no difficulty in obtaining it. If the saloon were abolished and alcohol used only for medicinal purposes drunkenness would soon pass away. But it never will while the saloon exists. In the face of the terrible effects of intemperance how can any one interested in humanity advocate the saloon or oppose its destruction?

The problem of abolishing the saloon is beyond question a gigantic one. Its patrons are legion, and there are legions more who are absolutely indifferent to the havoc it plays among the children of men. But this only makes it the more important that those who do desire and pray for its overthrow should be instant in season and out of season for the accomplishment of their purpose.

The saloon can be abolished. To some this may seem a vain boast, but it is not so. The saloon has been abolished. In some towns, in some counties and even in some states it has been prohibited and has ceased to exist, and what has been on a smaller scale can be on a larger one if the people of the larger sphere can be made to see and act as have those in the smaller one. The abolishing of the saloon in the smallest hamlet in the United States is conclusive proof that it can be abolished throughout the entire nation if the people of the nation will act as the people of the hamlet.

Since the saloon should be abolished and can be abolished, what may we do to bring about this desirable end?

1. We may help abolish the saloon by personal action. No one who desires the overthrow of the curse of mankind should ever patronize it in any way, shape or form. The total abstainer is a constant hindrance to the saloon, and if all men could be led to totally abstain from intoxicating drinks as a beverage the saloon would soon close its doors and cease to exist.

2. We may help abolish the saloon by educational influence. Public opinion should be educated against the saloon, and every antisaloonist should be an educator of the public upon this subject. The saloon is firmly intrenched in our national life. It is supported by tremendous financial and political influences; but, for all that, when the people of the United States want the saloon to go and say to the saloon "Go!" it will go. "Educate" should be the battle cry of all opposed to the saloon in our land.

3. We may help abolish the saloon by political action. The ballot is the decisive influence in our land, and if all Christian and temperance people would upon every occasion cast their ballots against the saloon the day of its doom would be hastened. But here it is well to remember that denunciation should have no part in our cam-

paign against the saloon. Denunciation of friends and fellow laborers who do not see as we do never won a battle, much less a campaign. God never made two men exactly alike. Intemperate zeal upon the part of many advocates of temperance has done more to injure the political campaign against the saloon than all other causes combined. Education and toleration should be our watchwords rather than denunciation.

4. We may help abolish the saloon by prayer. In spite of sin God's power is still absolute upon the earth, and His people should cease not to appeal unto Him for help in the great struggle against this gigantic evil. In His strength we should fight against it and earnestly call upon Him for divine power to bring about its overthrow.

BIBLE READINGS.

Josh. i, 6, 7; Prov. xx, 1; xxiii, 18-21, 29-32; Isa. v, 11; Zech. iv, 6; Hab. ii, 15, 16; Matt. xvii, 21; Rom. xiv, 14-23; I Cor. iii, 1-7; Gal. v, 19-26.

Topic For the Week Beginning Nov. 22—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—What are you thankful for?—Ps. xxxiii, 1-22.

In reading the topic it may be well to place the emphasis upon the "you," for nothing is more important in thanksgiving to God than its individual element. If the emphasis be placed upon family, church and national thanksgiving the individual may be unimpressed and the thanksgiving in vain, but if the individual is thankful for home, church and national blessings the thanksgiving of these also will be necessarily included.

The thanksgiving of the topic refers to God. What are you thankful unto God for? The justice of thanksgiving for benefits and blessings is universally acknowledged. Every human language has a word to express thanksgiving. Men are thankful unto their fellow men, and ingratitude is looked upon as one of the basest of human characteristics. How much more, then, should we be thankful to God! If human kindness meets return how much more should divine kindness be met with appreciation and gratitude!

1. We should be thankful to God for His goodness. In the opening verses of this Thirty-third Psalm the poet calls for praise to God because of His goodness. "Praise the Lord, * * * sing unto Him a new song, * * * for the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." God's goodness and mercy are everywhere manifested about us. Everything that has been made redounds to the glory of God and at the same time contributes to human happiness and comfort. It is only when man abuses the goodnesses of God that His creations are harmful instead of beneficial. If we will use the world that God has made for us and not abuse it we will find that we can testify with the psalmist that "the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord," and, recognizing the goodness of God, we will also admit that "praise is comely for the upright."

2. We should praise God for His

power. The power of God is infinite. "He gathered the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depths in storehouses. * * * He spake and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast." Moreover, the infinite power of God is used for the benefit of His people. Power wrongly used is a blighting curse to mankind, but rightly used it is an untold blessing. God's power is a blessing and not a curse. He uses His power to frustrate the plans of the heathen and to the benefit of His people. Wherefore we should be glad and thankful unto God for His power.

3. We should be thankful unto God for His providence. Divine providence is national as well as individual. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." And surely as a nation we can claim that our God is the Lord. His providence has guided and directed us in all our history and His hand is large with blessings upon us as a nation today. Let us therefore be thankful unto Him and render unto Him praise and honor for all His benefits.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. ix, 1, 2; xxiv, 1-5; xxxiv, 1-8; xlviii, 1-14; xcii, 1-5; xcvi, 1-4; ciii, 1-14; cv, 1-15; cvii, 1-8; cxvi, 12-19; Eph. v, 18-21; Rev. iv, 9-11.

Topic for the Week, beginning Nov.

22.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—A mission study of India.—Zech. viii, 1-7.

India from many standpoints is a most interesting country. Naturally "every prospect pleases," for India is blessed with the gorgeous beauty of the tropics. The political history of India is also most interesting. The native races were subjugated or driven out by the Aryan invaders who reached the banks of the Ganges about 1500 B. C. The government has been at different times under the control of Alexander of Greece, Darius I., the great moguls and the British. In 1612 the East India company of England established its trading post at Surat, India, and by the close of the century had founded establishments at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. In 1757 the English post at Calcutta was taken by Nabob Surajah Dowlah of Bengal. It was recaptured by the English, and the East India company gradually extended its authority over all India. After the sepoy mutiny, an insurrection of the native soldiers in 1857-58, the government of India by act of parliament was taken out of the hands of the East India company and vested in the English crown, and the king of England is now also the emperor of India.

Under the English government great changes have taken place in India. Life and property are now secure. railroads extend in every direction, the chief cities are united by telegraph, lines of steamers ply the Indus and Ganges and public schools, colleges and newspapers have been established. As a result of the introduction of European science and civilization many old superstitions are being undermined,

even that of the ancient caste system. India is therefore ripe for the gospel. The giving up of the old will be followed by an abandonment of all religion unless the new and better way is at once effectively presented to the people.

India has been the birthplace of two heathen religions—Brahmanism and Buddhism—and nowhere perhaps have the terrible effects of heathenism been more forcibly demonstrated than here. The caste system has been a curse to millions, and Buddha, the enlightened, brought not the true light to the darkened lives and homes of India. Here, as nowhere else perhaps, womanhood has been degraded, and the cries of the thousands of little widows of India appeal to all Christian women for their sympathy, prayers and help.

Missions in India have been conducted for many years. The difficulties in the way have been almost insurmountable, and yet nothing is impossible with God. Good fruit has been borne. The sepoy uprising, which cost the lives of missionaries, proved a blessing in disguise. Again "the blood of martyrs became the seed of the church," and the last half century has witnessed great Christian progress. In recent years there has been a movement of the pariahs, or outcasts, toward Christianity, and thousands of them have witnessed a good confession for Christ. Thus in India the prophecy is being fulfilled, "Behold I will save My people from the east country." What can we do to bring about its still greater fulfillment?

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. xi, 11, 12; xliii, 5-7; lli, 7; Ezek. xxxvii, 21, 22; Matt. ii, 1-12; xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 1-11; xiii, 44-52; Rom. x, 9-15; Rev. xxii, 17.

Topic for the Week, beginning Dec.

6.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—What the heroes of faith teach us.—Heb. xi, 1-40.

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is one of great interest and inspiration. Here we have recorded a long list of the ancient patriarchs, whose lives were in harmony with the will of God and who because of their faith in Him made their lives count and "obtained a good report." Heroes indeed and heroes of faith! Not by might nor by power, but by faith in God, they "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to slay the armies of aliens." As heroic deeds inspire to emulation, so also should the faith of heroes, and from a study of this chapter our faith in God through Jesus Christ should be more firmly established.

The faith of these ancient heroes possessed several important characteristics. (1) It was faith in God. The faith defined and illustrated here is not distinctive Christian faith. Saving faith in Jesus Christ is something entirely different. This was faith in God,

in His power and in His promises. Such faith always precedes Christian faith. It should exist in every human heart and prepare the way for saving faith in Christ. (2) It was a practical faith. Some religious faith is not practical. It is not applied to the daily affairs of life. We believe, but do not live by our beliefs. Not so was it with these Old Testament worthies. They based their lives upon their faith. Dangers, difficulties, trials and afflictions had no terrors for them because of their faith in God. Our faith should be practical. It should sustain us in difficulty, inspire us to duty and comfort us in trial and affliction. A fruitless faith is a worthless faith. (3) It was an adaptable faith. The experiences of none of these worthies were exactly alike, yet faith in God was adaptable to every experience. Nor is there any condition or experience in life where faith in God will not sustain us. It is able to meet the wants and needs of every human heart and life.

The numbers of the heroes of faith are also worthy of our attention. Many young people have the erroneous idea that but few of the world's great men have been men of faith. The impression somehow prevails that religious faith has been for the most part exercised by children and women. But nothing could be further from the truth, as we see illustrated here. All of Israel's great men from Abel to Malachi are included in this list of faith heroes. Nor has the Jewish nation been peculiar in this respect. The world's truly great men have all believed in God. Therefore, we should not hesitate to believe and to act up to our faith. "Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us * * * run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The annual meeting of the board of managers was held recently when reports were read and officers re-elected.

The Shelter has had a prosperous year and a large number of needy women and girls have been aided.

The receipts during the year amounted to \$1,631.55 and the expenditures to \$1,501.02. The rent of the building is provided for through the generosity of a friend of the Shelter.

A reception was given Tuesday, Nov. 10, by the board of managers to the many friends of the work.

The services held at the Home every Sunday afternoon and Friday morning, have been of deep interest and profit. The Friday meeting is led by students from the Seminary.

The Referee tells of two little girls who were trying to explain what sort of a dog they had seen. Said one: "It was one of those funny ones, you know, the ones that are a dog and a half long, and half a dog high." Said the other: "You know it is a dog that only has four legs, but looks as if it ought to have six." *Public Opinion* once heard the dachshund called "The dog with the Louis XIV. legs."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The fall campaign at the Young Men's Christian Association has opened up with very great encouragement in every department of the work. In the religious work, the most ambitious plans that have ever been undertaken by the Association are being carried out. These plans include an increased work in the Bible study department and five classes have been organized with a total enrollment of over 80 men. One of these classes, under the leadership of Dr. Balantine of Springfield, is studying the moral welfare of the city of Hartford, applying Bible truth to the same. This class is open to all men and is addressed each week by some specialist in different lines of work in our city. Another class is studying Church History, an other class, the Life of Christ, and an other class is devoted to the training of personal workers for religious work. The Opera House meetings have been planned on a larger scale and two Sunday services have been held with a very large attendance in both cases. There is an organized band of workers for the Sunday meetings in the theatre, and direct efforts are being made to bring men to a decision in the matter of the religious life. The educational department is measuring up to former years notwithstanding the fact that this department has had to contend with the opening of the night work in the Public High School, which drew very largely upon the class of young men who hitherto have been in the Hillyer Institute classes. New departments have been added that are not provided for in the city schools, meeting special needs of special classes of men. Over 125 individual students are now enrolled in the Hillyer Institute classes.

In the Boys' Department there is considerable activity. This year the Sunday meeting for boys has been limited to older boys between the ages of 12 and 18. The attendance is good and the results are going to be highly satisfactory. Special classes in Bible study are being organized among these boys.

The Physical Department work has opened up with large classes. This important phase of the Association's work is proving more and more valuable to men of all ages. The new artesian well has been completed, and pure, clean water is now being used throughout the building and in the swimming pool. The Monday night Lyceum Course is a new departure and deserves the support and co-operation of the public. The next lecture in this course will be by Hon. G. A. Gearhart of Buffalo on the "Foot-prints of the Century." This lecture occurs on Monday, November 23, and will be given in Unity Hall.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

At our last session, October 27, the Union voted to take up work preparatory to the enactment of a curfew ordinance, the need for such in our city being beyond question.

Mrs. F. A. Brackett, Mrs. H. K. Lee and Mrs. J. H. Spencer were appointed a committee to formulate plans for the work. A letter of thankful acknowledgment was read from a colored school in Greensboro, N. C., for a barrel of clothing sent them by our Union. At our session of November 10, Mr. T. J. Spencer presented a paper upon "The

Philippine," which was very interesting, especially from a missionary standpoint.

THE FARMINGTON AVENUE MARKET

The extensive improvements made a year ago in the store and the increased stock of staple and fancy goods, have placed the Farmington Avenue Market, of which Mr. A. C. Rose is proprietor, in the foremost rank of the retail grocery and meat houses in the city. At this market, 59 & 61 Farmington Avenue, Mr. Rose has gained an enviable reputation and his success has been gained by giving the most efficient service and at all times selling goods of the highest standard.

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ADDITIONAL BOOK NOTICES.

Jo's Boys in Her Life. By Clara Lonne Burnham. 340 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$2.00.

"Jo" is a beautiful child, but manifests a degree of wisdom apparently much in advance of her years, a feature of the story which is a little too prominent to make the child seem a real one.

Bearing this in mind, or better still, overlooking it, one may learn many lessons of permanent value from the story of the loyal little girl who brings harmony into the discordance of her grandfather's household.

The little heroine has been brought up under Christian Science influences and it is the apparent purpose of the book to advance the cause of that cult.

Lessons in Physics. By Lothrop D. Huggins. 379 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 60 cents.

This little volume affords an excellent opportunity for studying physics without the necessity of laboratory experimenting. As such it fills a long felt want. Principles are explained by references to common or familiar phenomena, rather than to set experiments, and illustrations are given with such judgment and clearness, as to give one an intimate knowledge of the physical manifestations that are most commonly met in our daily experiences.

The Circle in the Square. By Baldwin Sears. 306 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a story dealing with the race problem in the south, and the question of negro suffrage. The necessary conflict of social and political questions gives the author opportunity for brilliant work. He has a broad grasp of his subject and understands it evidently.

There are some excellent studies of characters which are more familiar to every-day life than one could wish. Possibly they are characters to be met with the world over, but they are surely no more distinctively of the South, than of the North.

Jo's Boys. By Louisa M. Allen. 358 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$2.00.

Mrs. Jo's boys were long ago introduced to the young reader and now another generation will enjoy the humor and excitement of this always fresh, wholesome story. The incidents are frequent and there is much fun and some pathos, but few young people will fail to find real pleasure in reading of the "boys."

The illustrations by Ellen W. Ahrens are excellent and sympathetically designed.

Within the Pale. By Michael Davitt. 300 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.20.

The subjects of race issues and the lynch-law are paramount to-day, not alone in America, but in Russia as well, for the anti-Semitic persecutions in the latter country are bringing about problems of emigration, which are anything but easy to deal with.

This is asserted to be the true story of the Jewish persecutions in Russia and from the earnestness and vividness of the story, one need not doubt that the author's experience in Russia warrants him in speaking positively and broadly.

The Proud Prince. By Justin Huntly McCarthy. 276 pages, 12 mo. New York: R. H. Russell. Price \$1.50.

This is the dramatic story of King Robert of Sicily, the hero of a most romantic legend, familiar to most of us through Browning's poetical version of it.

Those who read "If I Were King," by the same author, know the style of this worthy successor, and it is doubtful which work will ultimately have received most praise and credit.

The legend is changed and adapted, somewhat, but only with the judgment of one who can fully appreciate what is best to be omitted and what is best put in.

"The Proud Prince" will surely prove one of the first among books of the season.

Organized Labor: Its Problems, Purposes and Ideals, and the Present and Future of American Wage Earners. By John Mitchell. 436 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: American Book and Bible House. Price \$1.75.

The fact that the President of the United Mine Workers is prejudiced would be naturally in mind as one started this work. After reading some chapters the prejudice is more noticeable, but, nevertheless, there is much information, usually authentic, we believe, which should help much to a proper understanding of the subject from a union point of view.

As to permanent value, one will be inclined to express skepticism. This is unfortunate as it has been hoped that this work would at least be a careful, thoughtful and complete presentation of the subject of organized labor.

Professor Walter E. Weyl assisted in the preparation of this work. It is to be regretted that his influence was not more critical.

The illustrations are numerous, being for the most part from photographs.

The Christ Story. By Eva March Tappan. 416 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

The simple narrative form of this story of the Christ will make it useful in introducing the life story of the Saviour to children.

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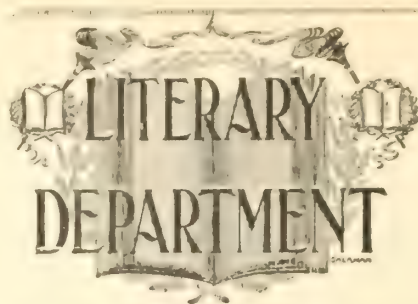
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The November number of *The Century*, which opens Volume LXVII., celebrates that event by a new cover in color, and by a variety of colored insets, which include among the subjects Tropical Sunsets, Wild Animals, and Italian Gardens.

Edmund Clarence Stedman contributes the opening article on the New York Stock Exchange, entitled "Life 'On the Floor.'" As a veteran and retired broker, Mr. Stedman brings to this subject a personal knowledge, which is admirably supplemented by his trained literary style. The paper is illustrated in a lively way by Blumenschein and Bacher.

The cover design of the November *Pearson's* is a dainty little maiden reproduced from one of Mrs. Adrian C. Hope's pastel portraits of children. A well illustrated article on Mrs. Hope's portrait work opens the number. The special articles are numerous and interesting—Life in Metals is a description by A. Sarath Kumar Ghosh of a remarkable discovery which Professor Bose, a Hindu philosopher, claims to have made. An interesting bit of American history is recalled by Mr. David S. Barry's article on The Electoral Commission, which was appointed in 1877 to settle the Hayes-Tilden election dispute.

McClure's Magazine is making a name for itself—doubtless it is doing it unconsciously. But those who have watched it since its inception eleven years ago have seen it grow from a good, readable magazine into a vital, important one, with an ethical significance. Three great questions of the day—the Corruption in the Trust, Labor and Political Worlds—are being handled in a masterly way, the first by Miss Tarbell in her fearless "History of the Standard Oil Company;" the second, by Ray Stannard Baker; and the third, by Lincoln Steffens, in his series of flaming pictures of cities.

In the November issue *The Delinquent* sustains its recognized position as the foremost fashion publication and one of the high-class literary magazines. Ex-

cellent reading and refined art supplement the display of winter fashions. In fiction there is the second installment of *The Evolution of a Club Woman*, the bold narrative of a woman's experiences in clubdom, a clever short story by William MacLeod Ransom, entitled *An Unpremeditated Engagement*; *An Interrupted Honeymoon*, by Lillie Hamilton French, a pathetic incident of a little Yorkshire terrier; and a Western story by Anna C. Smith.

The excellent series of "Little Pilgrimages to the Homes of Men and Women Who Have Written Famous Books," begun in the July number of *The Literary World*, and received by all its readers with such favor, is continued in the December number by an interesting sketch of Jack London. These Little Pilgrimages are written by Mr. E. F. Harkins, a Boston journalist.

The Cosmopolitan for November contains besides the article in the "Captains of Industry" series, several short stories and articles and begins a new and remarkable romance by H. G. Wells called, "The Food of the Gods." The number is well illustrated.

"Chatterbox" is the children's annual publication that in all its life has never grown beyond its readers. Older readers can look back to the pleasure they had in looking at its pictures and reading its anecdotes and stories.

It is here again, the same delightful volume, with a handsome cover and inside adorned with a colored frontispiece and numerous full page pictures. It is, and has been, one of the most popular juvenile books published. Its price is \$1.40 and it is published by Dana Estes & Company, Boston.

A Sequence in Hearts By Mary Moss
333 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia:
J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.50.

The reader who likes humor, genuine and unforced, will come upon it frequently in reading this love story by the author of "Fruit Out of Season."

The scenes are modern and the characters are familiar to everyone. This does not mean that they are at all prosaic. The satire is good and especially as it is directed toward certain institutions in which many people are interested. The plot is not unusual, but the whole story is particularly well told.

Tolson and His Message By Ernest H. Crosby
93 pages, 10 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price 50 cents.

Though a small book, Mr. Crosby has given us in it something of real value and something, one might say, long needed. For there are many who will

be interested in the boyhood and manhood and messages of a man who so completely altered his mode of life and thought and made the solution of the riddles of existence the work of his life, conscientiously basing his moral and social code and practice upon the example and precept of the Christ.

Mr. Crosby is himself a consistent reformer, and a student and admirer of Tolstoi, though not a blind devotee. He gives the graceful tribute of his admiration to one in whom, seeing faults, he yet more clearly sees a love of humanity. The little book is worthy of any one's reading, and it is more than a pleasure to commend it.

as well as its unique and special interest, will make it most acceptable as a gift.

The Castle of Twilight. By Margaret Horton Potter. 429 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.50.

With a remembrance of Miss Potter's "Uncanonized," it is hard to believe that she could have advanced so far since, for here is a book of such deep and genuine beauty, so thoughtful and unique, that it is hard to classify it and harder to compare it. The author calls it a historical romance.

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of that church, in which he is professor of Practical Theology.

It treats the subject of practical liturgies, archæology, pedagogy, and the English Bible. Of possible value is a list of books covering subjects often adequately presented.

The Reflections of a Lonely Man. By "A. C. M." 270 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.00.

The reader may wonder if the "Lonely Man" is not the head of the house that publishes this book, well he may wonder!

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The Romance of Old New England Churches. By Mary C. Crawford. 380 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.20.

That the records of the old churches of New England contain many romances of great interest is not often considered, so that in this collection of some of the most remarkable of these stories, the author has done a service to New England church history of a value that cannot easily be estimated.

The Old South Church of Boston is the subject of one paper, while the Second Church (Dr. Parker's) of Hartford furnishes a most interesting romance. An excellent photograph of this church is reproduced in illustration, and, through the courtesy of the publishers, we also show it on our front cover this month.

The tasteful appearance of the volume,

more and more charming until at the end one stops as though coming out of a dream—wishing that its scenes might again pass before the closed eyes.

One may eulogize such a book without looking for its flaws. Faults are such easy things to find—but here the author has disarmed any who might have the irreverence to criticize.

The illustrations have much more than usual artistic merit and we are glad to reproduce one of them on this page.

Modern Practical Theology. By Prof. Ferd. S. Schenck, D. D. 320 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price \$1.00.

Though a practical book on theology for all preachers, the author prepared this especially for the preachers of the Dutch Reformed Church and divinity students in the Theological Seminary

jects, as the "Lonely Man" will agree. Some will scorn his idea of inspiration from the flame of his gaslog—others will be tickled by the calm philosophy that can overlook the imitation and that even argues for its advantages. "The Vantage Ground of Loneliness" surely is one where pure thoughts and gentle cynicism merge into something good.

"The Search for Satisfaction" and "The release from Pain" sometimes are marred by the oracular tone, but there is so little that is aggressive and so much of calm and happy conclusion that one will find the "Lonely Man" has glided into the affections, not because he is all wise and brilliant, but because he is distinctly human.

The Boss, and How He Came to Rule New York. By Alfred Henry Lewis. 409 pages, 12 mo. New York:

By J. B. Lippincott & Co. Price \$1.25.

The advertisement of this story states that it is written from the inside and by one who knows the versatile and experienced nature of the facts are reliable and the scenes truthful photographs.

At the same time, it is not made no apology, for it is thoroughly entertaining and contains not a dull page. The scenes depicted are strong, and the interesting types are the hardly requires an acquaintance with the "inside" to identify the real names of some politicians and reformers introduced. It will be a revelation to the average reader. It will contain such a story of political tyranny and manipulation can be true, as this one doubtless is.

A Monte Cristo in Khaki: the Story of a Self-made Nobleman. By Col. Richard Henry Savage. 253 pages. 12 mo. New York: The Century Publishing Company. Price, cloth, \$1.25; paper, 50 cents.

The scenes of the Chinese campaign, the inner secrets of the Court of the Flowery Kingdom, the career of Li Chang Ching, and a convincing sketch of General Chaffee's march to Peking, have an air of authenticity, which makes the book worth reading.

The career of the adventurer Reilly, who accumulates wealth through love and crime to buy a title, is not especially interesting. Neither is he admirable as a character, not at all up to the mark of Dumas' great hero.

But the story, as a whole, is full enough of life and adventure to satisfy the average reader.

Joy Bells. A Story of Quinnebasset. By Sophie May. 332 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lee & Shepard. Price \$1.25.

The many girl readers of the Quinnebasset series, by Sophie May, have doubtless wished that there were books written for them in this series as they grew older.

After a long silence on the author's part she has produced this charming story for the grown-up girls. She is at her best, happily, and her gentle wit is well applied. "Persis," the heroine, is a beautiful character, and "Ken" and "Ches," the young men of the story, are real and vigorous specimens of young manhood. There are thrilling adventures, a baffling mystery and a happy ending. The volume is well illustrated.

The Kingdom of the Invisible. By Mary Phoebe Parmele. 14 pages, 12 mo. New York: J. E. Taylor & Co. Price 50 cents.

A remarkable little brochure in which some of the fundamental points of dispute between science and theology are reconciled with convincing argument and reasoning.

The writer may only have given poetical construction to certain statements of science, yet one cannot but feel that she has done much to soften some actual hostility that has been more harm, than the facing and acceptance of facts ever could have done.

Geographic Influences in American History. By Albert Perry Brigham. 366 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price \$1.25.

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THE MAGNOLIA WARBLER.

From "Birds in their Relations to Man."

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country has a vast influence on the industrial and social life of a people, is an undisputed fact, yet it is doubtful if thought is often given to how much this country, in war and peace, has been affected by her mountain barriers, her Great Lakes and her coast lines.

Among the subjects specially considered as showing these influences are "The Eastern Gateway of the United States," "The Appalachian Barrier," "The Civil War" and "Mountain Life." A large number of rare photographs and numerous maps are great additions to the work.

Tennessee Todd. A Novel of the Great River. By G. W. Ogden. 344 pages. 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

The old steamboat days on the Mississippi, written of by Mark Twain, are revived anew by Mr. Ogden, who seems to know his subject and is writing of his own knowledge.

He tells here the story of the fight between the railroad and the steamboat, which meant the battle of the old order and the new. The story of Captain Blair, who drives the last steamboat of his once famous line, in a race with the first railroad, is strange and almost pitiful, would be such, indeed, if it were not for the manly and indomitable vigor of the man.

Mr. Salt. By Will Payne. 380 pages. 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

When this author writes about stock gambling in Chicago, he is in his element, but in this story he has not attempted to do any more than relate an interest-holding story.

Mr. Salt is a stock gambler, young and with a kindly heart, despite his unscrupulous tactics. A sacrifice made for him by his stenographer, a pretty and gentle girl of refined nature, brings the romantic element into the story, which has widely varied scenes and much excitement in nearly all of them.

Birds in Their Relations to Man. By Clarence M. Weed, D. Sc., and Ned Dearborn, D. Sc. 380 pages, 8 vo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$2.50.

The ignorant warfare that has been waged for many years upon birds like the eagle, the hawk, the owl and the crow, has been halted somewhat in the light of government and private investigations, which have proven, in many instances, that these birds are not the criminals they have been reputed to be, but of inestimable value instead.

So the question of the relation of birds to mankind has become a vital subject and every intelligent contribution to the fund of information is to be gratefully acknowledged.

In this latest and elaborate consideration the reader has the benefit of conscientious personal investigations toned, as well as supplemented, by study of numerous and varied published matter on all phases of the subject. A long list of these latter named authorities is given in the appendix, giving it added value as the best work on the subject that has come to notice.

The work is copiously illustrated, a specimen illustration being shown on this page.

The Awakening of the Duchess. By Frances Charles. 227 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is an unusual story with a familiar plot. Its originality and value lie entirely in the author's ability to appreciate real sentiment, from the theatrical kind. So this pretty story of a lovable child, whose mother thoughtlessly neglected her, will be enjoyed by many readers, old and young.

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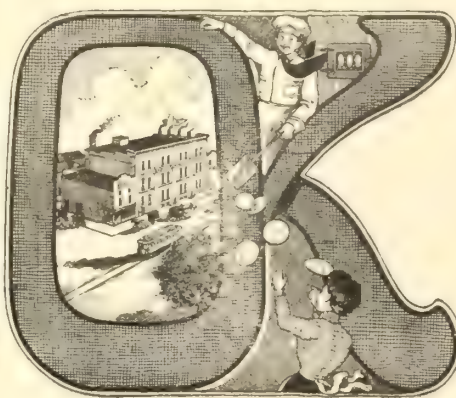
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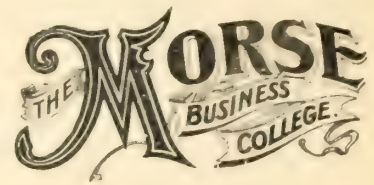
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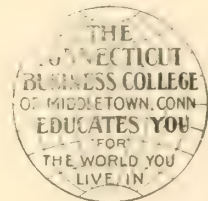
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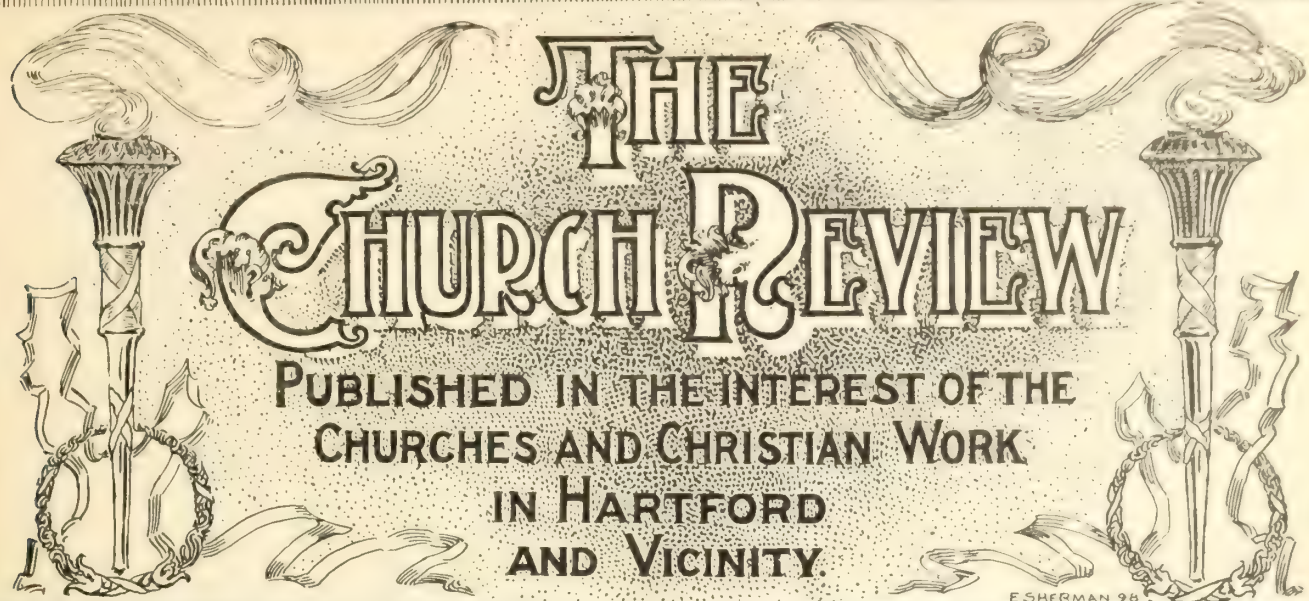
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By MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

If the Christ-child came to the avenue home,
Where the tree is laden with gifts to-night,
Where the tapers shine, and the wreath-en pine
Is scenting the air in the yule log's light,
He would say, I am sure, to the children there,
"Go, gather my little lost ones in;
For I came to save from death and the grave
The poor lost souls in a world of sin."

If the Christ-child came to the tenement room,
Where the stove is cold and the hearth is bare,
He would lighten the dark with his own dear face,
And mother and children would see him there.
But yet he would say, in that crowded home,
"Go, gather my lost ones here to me;
For I've peace for strife, I have love and life,
And I bring it for you abundantly."

Oh, child of the rich man, child of the poor,
The child of Heaven is coming soon!
The night grows sweet with the sound of his feet,
On the threshold I hear his sandal-shoon.
And earth is brief, and heaven is long,
And he bids us all to hasten in;
For he comes to save from death and the grave
And to heal the hurt of the hateful sin.
Sunday School Times.

Vicarious suffering is a fact of life, and cannot be expelled from life until love is expelled. We cannot care greatly for the highest interests of another without bearing his infirmities and taking on his sickness—nay, even bowing to the burden of his sins.—*Hugh Black.*

WHY I AM AN EPISCOPALIAN.

By REV. JAMES GOODWIN,

The following hasty notes have been jotted down from memory as the substance of an address delivered last winter in the Y. M. C. A. course.

I was an Episcopalian in the first place because my parents were, but I am an Episcopalian to-day on conviction of the most profound and heartfelt sort.

What are these convictions?

First: I believe Christ founded a visible society among men to which He committed His Gospel and His sacraments. Of this society, the Apostles were the bond and center of unity. With them lay all authority, whether of teaching or order. I am convinced of this by my study of (1) the Gospels (2) the Acts of the Apostles; (3) the Epistles of the New Testament; (4) by the analogy of God's dealings with men under the old covenant; (5) by my study of history.

Secondly: I believe this society had no Head, save Christ, Himself, at the right hand of God. The Apostles were His representatives upon earth, and acted in His name.

Thirdly: I believe that Christ is the head of the Church in a far deeper sense than in merely being her Ruler and Teacher. We are told that the Church is His Body, and that Christ is our Life. I believe Him to be not only the head of the Church, but also the source of the Church's life, which all her members share.

Fourthly: I believe that, although her outward unity has been broken, the Church which Jesus Christ founded still exists. Her various branches can trace

descent as an historic fact from His Apostles.

Fifthly: I believe Christianity to have been planted in England in, or soon after Apostolic times. The early planting of the Church was never uprooted, but survived the heathen invasions, of England in later times. Missions from Ireland, Scotland and Rome converted these heathen. The result was the English Church. This church, like the rest of the churches of western Europe, was more or less oppressed by the Church of Rome until the Reformation. She then asserted and secured her independence, and declared her loyalty to primitive doctrine and practice. The Protestant Episcopal Church in this country is a branch of the English Church—a daughter branch. The two churches are independent, but in perfect communion, and doctrinal accord. The Protestant Episcopal Church is thus a descendant of the Church of the Apostles.

"Joy and sorrow, gain and loss, come from one source, and tend to one end, as surely as the opposite motions of two cog-wheels working into each other result in the forward motion of the hands of a watch."

"A man in whom the Spirit of God is." Humanity will never see the day when its Josephs and Elijahs and Johns and Fenelons will not be explained in this way. C. E. Goss, D. D.

Wait and look for the eternal harvest that is to come, and then no ingratitude or perverse dealing of men shall be able to pluck you away from well doing.—Luther.

God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it.—T. Edwards.

THE GREAT NEW YORK ZOO

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By Isabel R. Wallach.

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The encyclopedia, or an illustrated natural history, supplies us with accurate information when we seek knowledge of the wild things that people our forests and streams. But no amount of text can be so well accompanied by pictures and strengthened by anecdote,

the mountain sheep live, another now reveal shape and truth in a lively style. This graceful lamb is pure moufflon, and we watch him with interest as he mounts from crag to crag to the topmost height, where he lordly rather poses in clear outline against the cloudless sky.

Across the hill the bears frolic like puppies in their big dens, playing hide-and-seek behind the trees and showing off with clumsy success on the rocks. A young mother stands beside the pool, urging her spoiled cub to bathe. Coaxing and practical illustration proving of no avail, the ursine lady changes her tactics. A well-aimed box on the ear and a vigorous shove send him splashing into the water much to the delight of the white muzzle cloth bear who had

above, the tree has been denuded of its bark and robbed of all its lower branches. Teeth and paws are thus wonderful workman's sole tools, yet with all his skill he can't escape the man with the trap, and because of his beautiful fur the beaver, founder of many a proud American city, is rapidly nearing extinction.

With an eery feeling we pass into the Reptile House and watch the inmates glide silently in and out of the tropical verdure in the conservatory. The nervous temperament passes an uncomfortable quarter hour among the reptiles, but it repays him, inasmuch as he learns that many of the snakes one meets abroad are perfectly harmless. He learns, too, to recognize the warning the rattler



Hannibal and Cleopatra "at home" in the Bronx Zoo.

can give us the clear conception gained by studying the living creature. While ordinary zoological collections fill the need to a certain extent, the New York Zoological Society goes a step further. It shows not only the animals, but also their manner of life in surroundings rendered as nearly identical as possible with their native environment.

The lower end of Bronx Park, two hundred and sixty-one acres in extent, is used by the society to house its unusually fine collection of animals. The physical aspect of the region has made it possible to open up long ranges of land wooded, watered, and broken by hills, over which deer, mountain sheep and buffalo wander at will, scarcely conscious of the high wire fences that serve to protect them from annoyance as well as to prevent their escape.

The buffalo are quite at home in a low-lying strip of meadow-land starred with daisies and clover blooms. Visitors are treated now and then to the sight of a pretty calf leaning confidently against its bearded sire, whose great, sad eyes dream perhaps of the broad empire which the westward march of civilization stole from him.

In those days the prong-horned antelope covered the enormous pasture that stretched from Manitoba to the Rio Grande, from Iowa and Missouri far out to the Rockies. To-day, like the bison, these graceful creatures have vanished, almost totally exterminated by man's rapacity and wantonness.

It is the aim of the New York Zoological Society to preserve for posterity as many specimens of species threatened with extinction as is possible, but antelopes do not thrive well in captivity and it is very difficult to rear the kids.

Yonder on the granite ledges where

been an interested spectator of the domestic scene.

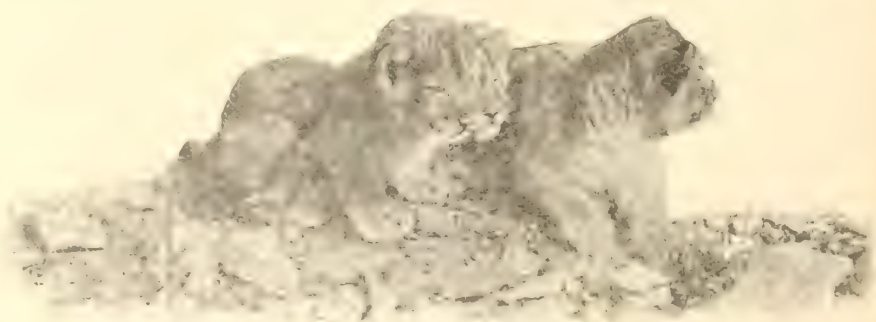
Very showy, and looking as if he were well aware of it, is the polar bear as he waddles down his rocky staircase to inspect lazily over the pool's broad brink. Their arctic coats must be a bit oppressive under our torrid sun, but the great creatures look thoroughly content. The bears are the clowns of the zoo.

Through leafy glades we descend to Beaver Pond. Plenty of evidence here of the hard work the little creatures accomplish. An engineer of rare intelligence is the beaver, cutting canals for his timber-floating operations, and building dams to deepen the beds of the ponds until these afford a safe submarine passage-way to the submerged doors of his castle. Two years ago these beavers were at work in a Texas stream. To-day their house in Bronx Park rises like an island in the center of their pond, many feet above the surface of the water and safely anchored to the trunk of a tree. To be safe from invaders from

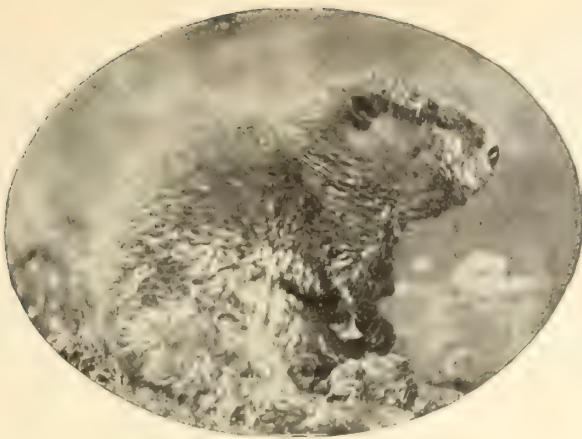
gives before he strikes, a sound apt to be disregarded by one who hears it for the first time in the woods or along a country road.

Fun awaits the visitor to the House of the Primates. Its inmates are so ridiculously like ourselves we can't help laughing at their antics. Ideal surroundings and attendants who treat them like irresponsible children keep our little caricatures in health and happiness. They constantly exhibit human traits, and evidences of affection and even gratitude alternate with bare-faced flattery, inordinate curiosity and plain every-day sulks. Very amusing is the jealousy of the chimpanzees whenever a keeper pauses to pet one of their number. To quell the excitement he has to take all in his arms at once, carefully caressing each in turn. An important member of this group is Polly, fearless and confident, and delighted to dine in public, seated at table in a high chair.

The Lion House is a fitting abode for its royal inmates. The cages are un-



"Three sturdy little cubs"



The Busy Beavers at the Bronx.

usually large, tiled with delicately tinted green glass and scrupulously clean. Here are no heavy iron bars suggestive of a prison. Instead the front of the cages are fitted with a netting of hard steel wire woven into three-inch squares. Within the cages a carved tree stump serves as a stool, and also as a staircase to the flat roof of the sleeping dens. At present two interesting family groups are the centers of attraction. Sultan and Bedouin Maid are inordinately proud of their brood of five lusty cubs, born last December, and fairly bubbling over with mischief and vitality.

Hannibal and Cleopatra, a right royal pair of Barbary lions, are no less enthusiastic over three sturdy little cubs, born to them late in March. Like magnified kittens they climb to Cleopatra's back and from that vantage point gaze wide-eyed at the visitors.

Each day, at two, a wave of excitement permeates the atmosphere of the Lion House. It is the dinner hour, and though no preparations are visible, every animal stands at the front of the cage, his muscles tense beneath the sleek skin, his eyes riveted toward the left. Presently from that direction there enters a truck loaded with fresh meat, and in rapid succession, the keepers deftly toss to each his allotted portion.

Bedouin Maid and Cleopatra dine with their respective lords, after having been separated by strategy from their cubs lest, like certain other mothers all of us have met, they indulge their babies to their future detriment, with food fit only for adult digestion. The keepers supply the older cubs with bits of meat so their mother gorges contentedly. But Cleopatra is manifestly uneasy, and between each mouthful whines piteously for her babies. These, playing with one another, miss her not a whit, but her return calls forth an extravagant exhibition of joy from the little hypocrites.



Polly.

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Our chapel choir held its annual fair and sale on Saturday, Dec. 5. Lunch was served from 12 to 2. The proceeds, about \$800, will be used for chapel improvements.

Miss Margaret B. Lee, formerly superintendent of the primary department, and at present a teacher, was married Nov. 25, to Dr. Arthur D. Hayes.

The Christmas entertainment is planned to be given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The glad Thanksgiving day at the Open Hearth, on which crowds of children were feasted on turkey and other good things; the reunion of many who came from a distance to keep the day with their families, but found time to visit the place where they once came despondent and unhappy and were encouraged and helped back to respectability and happiness, is past, but the remembrance is with us, and we are now looking forward to the great festival of Christmas with its joys. Christmas is always the great day at the Open Hearth and gifts for the children and remembrances from friends make all feel a great happiness and joy and gratitude fills the heart to Him who came to save His people from their sins. There are so many who have been helped to a better way in life through the work of the Open Hearth that it would be useless to single out the cases. Many come to tell the story to Super-



"A pretty calf leaning confidently against its bearded sire."

See article, "The Great New York Zoo."

intendent Miller, but few cases are ever made public and names are never mentioned. A gentleman called only a few days since who holds a responsible position and is respected by all, who came to us six years ago on Thanksgiving day and now called to express his thanks for having been restored to a better life through the help given him at the Open Hearth, and many such cases are occurring almost every week. During the past month the girls and women's societies connected with the Open Hearth have had the pleasure of listening to a number of most interesting lectures. Dr. Marrian Williams lectured on "The Anatomy," Miss Sarah Hamilton on "Music" and Rev. James Goodwin, who has a great interest in all that pertains to the progress of the work, gave interesting talks at the women's club, and others will follow, so that the interest now manifested is continually on the increase. The evening and morning meetings are fully attended and Superintendent Miller is always to be found at his office ready and glad to be of use to all who need a word of cheer or help in such ways as the Open Hearth affords.

Our friends should remember the needs of the many who come for assistance and clothing. Shoes and underwear, both for men, women and children, are much wanted. Send to Open Hearth, 73 Grove street, or a postal card to Superintendent Miller, and they will be called for.

THE SHELTER.

The public reception given by the Board of Managers last month was well attended and many of the friends of the Shelter improved the opportunity to meet the members of the committee and the matrons and also to look over the home.

In the evening, a number of former members of the family called and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Through the generosity of friends, a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner was given and a large number enjoyed the good things and also the exercises that were planned for the entertainment of those in the home. Readings, recitations and music made up the program and more than one girl remarked that it was the pleasantest Thanksgiving she had ever spent.

A very pleasant result of the work

is the love for the Shelter manifested by those who have enjoyed its hospitality. We receive calls almost daily from someone who has been aided in a time of need and often those coming bring little tokens of appreciation for the blessings received. Several have recently expressed the purpose to live a Christian life and are honestly endeavoring to serve the Master.

HARTFORD SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' UNION.

The annual meeting of the Union was held Monday evening, Nov. 30, at Trinity Church parish house, when the annual reports of the treasurer and secretary were read. The reports showed a balance in the treasury and a membership of forty, representing thirty different schools.

Officers were elected as follows:

Pres., Rev. Elliot Ford Talmadge, general sec'y Conn. S. S. Asso.; vice pres., Mr. Wm. O. Shelley, supt. Memorial Baptist Sunday-school; treas., Mr. H. A. Camp, supt. North M. E. Sunday-school; sec'y, Mr. Frederic B. Wright, asst. supt. Trinity Church Sunday-school.

The committee arranging course of lectures by the faculty of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy was continued with power.

BLUE HILLS AVE. CHAPEL.

A reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Davis was given at the chapel by the ladies of the avenue on the evening of November 13.

Many friends of the work from this section, and also from the churches down town, and from the Theological Seminary, called to meet the new pastor and his wife, and to wish them success in the field upon which they have entered.

The regular Sunday-school and Sunday evening services are well attended.

On Sunday evening, November 16, a Harvest Festival took the place of the usual preaching service. This was well carried out by the children of the Sunday-school under the direction of the teachers.

An effort is being made to revive an interest in the Juvenile Temple and it is expected that the work will soon be reinstated.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

At Thanksgiving the society acted as distributing agent for the large number of churches, schools and societies who collected food supplies and money. The Society's knowledge of worthy ones to give such supplies to, made the distribution a practical relief to many. Of especial note was the hearty efforts of children in the different schools.

The annual meeting of members of the society was held on November 19, with a good attendance. Dr. Green made his report, Rev. E. de F. Miel gave a report on the tenement house question. The officers elected for the coming year follows: Mr. Atwood Collins, President; Mr. Francis Parsons, secretary and treasurer, succeeding Mr. Herbert Knox Smith.

Different societies are arranging for special efforts at Christmas to make some families happier for the holiday. One family at least will have a Christmas tree bountifully supplied with presents.

NORTHFIELD EXTENSION.

The Northfield Extension Movement, so called, is properly a general broadening out of the work inaugurated by the late D. L. Moody. It is a many-sided work and of vast importance to the religious life of America and, indeed, of the world. Its leading exponent is now Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, whose recent meetings here were under the direction of, and financially for the benefit of, the Northfield Movement.

The splendid educational facilities offered at Northfield are mainly along religious lines, and it has turned out



Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan.

graduates whose work and influence today is felt throughout the world. It has necessarily placed its tuition charges at a very low figure, much less than cost, in order to extend its benefits to those who otherwise could not afford them, but it has used careful discretion in extending these privileges.

To make up inevitable deficits for tuition, to start new enterprises, to erect necessary buildings, to maintain its field work, requires an addition to its income from outside sources and those who contributed at the recent meetings in Center Church, may feel assured that every cent or dollar sent to Northfield is well invested.

The aspects of the work at Northfield are threefold, spiritual, mental and physical. Each year it becomes the

Mecca of an increasing throng and its influence goes out literally to the ends of the earth.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The second term of the Hillyer Institute will open January 4. Two new classes will be added to the curriculum, First Aid to the Injured and Spanish. The course in First Aid to the Injured will consist of ten practical lessons in lecture form. These lessons will be very practical and illustrated by charts and demonstrations of how to treat accidents with the material at hand. The course in Spanish will be arranged so as to familiarize the student with business forms and letters and equip him for immediate usefulness, while gaining at the same time the culture necessary for mental discipline. All the other classes of the institute will be continued as during the first term. The enrollment of different students has been very satisfactory. Notwithstanding the splendid educational opportunities offered to young men in the evening by the public school system, there still seems to be a special field for the evening work such as the Young Men's Christian Association is doing.

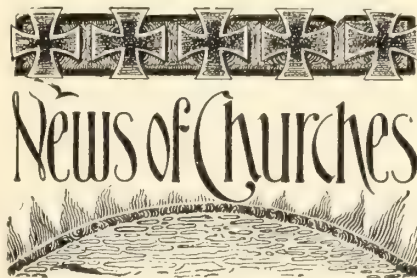
The social department of the association is planning for the usual open house New Year's day. A continuous program will be provided from 2 to 10 p. m. On this day the association opens its doors to the general public and invites everybody, men and women, who are interested, to call and enjoy the hospitality of the members and officers.

The theatre meetings for men only, held in the Hartford Opera House, are growing in strength and popularity, the attendance being larger than ever before in the history of that particular work. The speakers for the Sundays in January are men of national reputation. Rev. C. H. Yatman, the great leader of the young people's meetings at Ocean Grove, will speak the first Sunday. Mr. Yatman for over ten years at Ocean Grove has addressed audiences twice a day of over 2,000 people. Sunday, January 10, Prof. A. W. Hawks, of Baltimore, known as the "Laughing Philosopher," a man who in his particular field is without a peer, will speak. The speaker Sunday, January 17, will be Col. L. F. Copeland, of Pennsylvania, one of the veterans of the platform, who enjoys the distinction of the title of "King of the Platform." Sunday, January 24, Hon. W. N. Ashman, judge of the Orphans Court of Philadelphia, will speak. Judge Ashman ranks high in Pennsylvania as a jurist and public speaker. Sunday, January 31, Hon. Chas. B. Landis, United States Congressman from Indiana, one of the brightest and most interesting young

men in Congress, will be the speaker. Large audiences are looked for and all men are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Each of these speakers will address the boys' department meetings held in the association building during the Sundays of January at 3 p. m. This is a rare opportunity for older boys to hear these men. No boys are admitted to the theatre. The ages of boys admitted to these meetings are from 12 to 17.

In the physical department there is an increasing attendance in classes and individual work in the gymnasium. The artesian well plant has been completed and the association now offers men and boys the opportunity of swimming every day in pure, clean water that is so clear that it sparkles like champagne. Free instruction is given to boys and men who are members of the association in swimming. The water during the winter is kept at a uniform temperature of 70 degrees.

The boys' department has suffered the loss of its popular and efficient secretary in the resignation of Mr. Clarke Pomeroy, who has accepted the general secretaryship of the Young Men's Christian Association at Geneva, N. Y. Mr. Pomeroy's successor has not yet been decided upon. In the meantime the work is being carried forward under the direction of the other employees.



FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

A Christmas Cantata is being arranged for the Sunday-school by Miss Dougherty the pastor's assistant.

Recent efforts have resulted in the enlarging of the choir to a full one hundred.

Rehearsals of about one-half the "Messiah"—the parts especially appropriate to Christmas—have been going on for some time. The assistance of several outside soloists, and a small orchestra will be called into service. The entertainment will be free, though by tickets, which can be obtained at Gallup's or of members of the chorus.

The pastor has arranged a series of Advent sermons. For the four Sundays the subjects are as follows: The Appeal of a Lost world, or The need of Christ; "The Christ Image, or Christ, the Light of the World;" "The Christ message, or Christ the Life of the World," and "The Christ Satisfaction, or Christ the Joy of the World."

Rev. H. A. Barker began his new work with the Boylston Congregational church of Jamaica Plain, Mass., on December 1.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Chinese department will have its annual Christmas gathering Monday evening, Dec. 21. This is one tendered the scholars by the teachers.

The Junior League, recently organ-

ized, seems to be well attended and much interest is manifested.

Mr. N. B. Bassett, one of our ablest workers, has been ill, but we are glad to say is out again among us.

The topic cards for the meetings of the next six months of the Endeavor Society will be ready shortly.

Our prayer meetings for the past two weeks have been omitted owing to Rev. J. Campbell Morgan holding sessions of especial interest at the Center church.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

The Ladies Aid Society held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Morse, on Blue Hills avenue, Tuesday evening, Nov. 10. During the afternoon and evening about seventy-five persons were served with supper. An informal program of music and recitations was given. Nearly \$12 was taken from the 15-cent supper.

Special religious services will be held in the church during the evenings of Dec. 15, 16, 17 and 18. Dr. McCormick, of Hartford, with members from his church, will have charge of the meetings the 15th and 16th.

The Sunday-school is rehearsing for Christmas.

The Ladies Aid Society held a sale of Christmas articles Wednesday evening, Dec. 2. During the evening a 15-cent supper was served. A social time was enjoyed and the society realized a profit of \$25.

NORTH METHODIST.

The weather has affected the attendance somewhat, as many are laid up with colds. Mrs. Howell is sick with a hard cold, as is her son William.

Mrs. Charles W. Hills attended the State Sunday-school Convention at Norwich, as a delegate and reports a good time.

The rummage sale was a success, as was the sale of home-made cooking, and a handsome sum was realized by the Willing Workers' Society.

Miss Elsie Dresser, the organist, has recovered from her sickness and is able to attend to her duties.

A number of new members were received Communion Sunday.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

On Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28, in the chapel and parlors of the church, meetings of the conference of delegates from the Missionary Committee of the young people's societies of the various churches of this city and vicinity, were held, under the auspices of the Center Church Missionary Committee. Methods of mission work and of mission study classes and kindred themes were discussed. Mr. Vickery of New York and Rev. B. B. Brown, of Hartford, leading the conferences.

On Friday evening, the Rev. J. E. Adams addressed the general meeting in the church, giving an account of his life and work for eight years as a missionary in Corea of the Presbyterian Board.

The day before Thanksgiving, Mrs. Arthur L. Goodrich and Miss Eliza Mix were at the church to receive and forward contributions of money and provisions. The response was generous and thirty-six families were provided for in the distribution.

At the meeting of Hartford Chapter of King's Daughters, held in the parlors, on Saturday, December 5, Rev.

James A. Macmillan gave the address.

The outstanding event of the church life has been the privilege of welcoming in our pulpit the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D., and to our pews the people of the city and vicinity who have assembled in great throngs to attend the series of Northfield Extension Meetings, from December 1 to 19, inclusive.

The usual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday-school will this year again take the form of a gift social, to be held Wednesday evening, December 23.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Rev. Alexis Stein preached both at the morning and evening services, Nov. 21.

The Young Men's Bible Class has changed its hour of meeting this winter to 7 o'clock in the afternoon, meeting in the reception room of the parish house, where a fire on the hearth adds to the occasion.

Under the instruction of the rector, the life of our Lord is being studied, and once a month the meeting is given to a discussion of some topic of general interest. All young men are invited to become members of the class.

Rev. H. K. B. Ogle, who for some sixteen months has been assistant to the rector, severed his connection with the parish Dec. 1, to enter upon larger duties in Philadelphia, his former home. At the last teachers' meeting and last session of Sunday-school, resolutions were passed expressing the regret of the respective bodies, and wishing Mr. Ogle Godspeed in his new field of labor.

Nov. 30, the Hartford Sunday-school Superintendents' Union held its annual meeting in the parish house, notice of which appears in another column.

On the evening of Dec. 2, there was given an organ recital under the auspices of the Church Club of the diocese, followed by a reception in the parish house, where the president, Mr. Henry E. Rees, and Mrs. Rees, received, assisted by Bishop C. B. Brewster and Mrs. Brewster, and vice-president, Mr. C. A. Pease and Mrs. Pease.

The work of decorating the church for Christmas is in the hands of a committee of men, who need the assistance of a considerable number of people during the evenings for a week before the festival.

The Sunday-school entertainment will probably be held Saturday, Dec. 26, for which Judge McAdam has written a delightful cantata as one of the features.

The scheme of each class bringing presents for the poor, as outlined by the *Sunday-School Times*, which we tried very successfully last year, will be repeated.

The festival service will be held Sunday evening, Dec. 27, instead of at the regular Sunday-school hour, the session being omitted, and will be the Story of the Nativity, told by carols, scripture readings and canticles.

The scholars will begin rehearsals this evening Sunday and will be assisted at the service by the choir.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Nurses Association held its national convention at the Colt memorial building on Friday, Nov. 13. Officers were elected and other business transacted. The society is extending its branches all over the country and of

ficers and members from out of town were present in good numbers. The arrangements were in the hands of St. Bernard's Guild, of Hartford.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of all the branches in Hartford, held a union service at the church on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29. Rev. S. R. Colclay, of the Denby Divinity School, preached an able sermon on the workings of the Brotherhood. The rector was assisted in the service by nearly all the Episcopal clergy of the city.

Rev. Dr. Arthur Lloyd, general secretary of the Board of Missions, was present at the morning service, Sunday, Dec. 6, and preached an interesting sermon on missionary life, its great work, the progress that has been made and the great hopes for the future. The rector announced that the special offerings would be for missionary purposes.

The rector conducted a service Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6, at the Old People's Home on Jefferson street. The evening service of the Episcopal church was used and a good number of the inmates and their friends were present. Mrs. G. Kinney, as pianist, and members of the Good Shepherd choir, rendered the musical part of the service.

The Sunday-school scholars are rehearsing their carols to be used at the Christmas festival service at the church on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 4 o'clock, and at the parish house on the evening of Monday, Dec. 28, at the Christmas tree and entertainment for the school.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Epworth League meetings are having an unusually large attendance. A volunteer choir has been a help to the singing in the meetings.

The new cabinet has been formed in accordance with the new plan of the Board of Control.

Mr. C. V. Vickery, of New York, secretary of the Young People's Missionary Movement, made an address on Sunday evening, Nov. 29, on the subject of missions.

Presiding Elder Richard conducted the second and third quarterly conferences, Dec. 1.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the vestry, Friday afternoon, Dec. 11. Mrs. R. P. Chapman had arranged an interesting program on Alaska.

The pastor's former assistant, Miss Cora B. Smith, was called to the First Baptist Church of Brooklyn. Her reception was largely attended and the members of the mothers' meetings showed their appreciation of her valuable services for them by presenting her with the Expositor's Bible.

The Salvation Army had two men at the church door by permission two Sundays before Thanksgiving, and collected \$7.75 for the dinner they were to give to the bootblacks and newsboys.

The Thanksgiving prayer-meeting, held on Wednesday evening, was a great success. More gifts than last year were brought, and a fine lot of baskets were distributed by the Friendly Brothers.

The Helpers' Mission Band recently sent a barrel and box to the Mather Industrial School at Beaufort, S. C. They contained, besides second-hand clothing, Christmas gifts, dolls dressed by the Band, and a handsome log-cabin bed quilt, made expressly for this school by

Mrs. Wm. E. Tucker, and presented by her to the Band to send with the Christmas gifts. The Band hopes to give, soon after Christmas, its usual yearly entertainment.

Mr. Jacks of the Y. M. C. A., gave us a most helpful talk on a recent Thursday evening, on "Young Men and Their Needs."

The organ, it is now definitely known, will probably be in place by April 1.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

At the Christmas sale the Ladies' Society had excellent success and raised over one hundred dollars, which will be directed toward necessary repairs and improvements.

The vestry has arranged to take charge of the trimming and decoration of the church for the special Christmas services. Special efforts will be made to have the work of unusual elaborateness.

During Advent the Holy Communion is to be celebrated every Sunday.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor, Rev. H. E. Peabody, took for his theme last Sunday morning the new parish house, his text being Joshua, 4:21. "What mean these stones?"

Mr. Geo. A. Mahl, Jr., sang at this service, "O Master, take us through the gate," a selection composed by Veon, the words written by Mr. Mahl.

A special order of service was used at the last Christian Endeavor meeting, the topic being, "What the Bible teaches about giving."

The last social of the church was given under the auspices of the Whatsoever and the Willing and Kind Circle of King's Daughters. Representations of the different holidays were given. Each one attending the social brought a Thanksgiving gift.

Plans are being made for the Christmas concert, also for the Christmas entertainment. The Children's Mission Band holds its meetings Thursday afternoons, after school. The work is in charge of Mrs. T. J. Spencer, leader of the Willing and Kind Circle of King's Daughters.

The children are making fancy articles for a fair.

CHRIST CHURCH.

A handsome calendar has been issued for the use of the Sunday-school. It contains the lessons for the different departments of the school for a year ahead, with the dates of the chief events of the Sunday-school year. It has a half tone of Hoffmann's Christ in the Temple at the top.

Christ Church is to have the present organ entirely rebuilt at a cost of some seven thousand dollars. The contract has been let to Boston parties. The new organ will contain all that is best in the present one, with considerable additions, modern action and movable console with cable connection. It is hoped that when the changes have been completed, the Church will have a first rate instrument which cannot be duplicated for less than eighteen or twenty thousand dollars.

The Saint Margaret's Chapter of the Girls' Friendly Society gave a very successful entertainment at Unity Hall on Monday evening, December 7. Two well acted farces were presented, and then a delightful social evening was spent. The party broke up about half past ten.

There was a large number present.

The Seabury Club has arranged a course of lectures during December, in the season of Advent, at Christ Church. The lecturers are the Revs. C. S. Hutchinson and Charles H. Van Allen of Boston, and the Rev. Father Huntington of Maryland. These lectures are set for the first three Tuesdays in December, and the public is cordially invited.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

A very pleasant evening was spent by members and friends of the Epworth League at the parsonage, on Friday evening, Nov. 20. Musical and literary selections were rendered, after which light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Sheldon entertained her Sunday-school class at her home on Tuesday evening, Dec. 1.

The Bible Study class, under the direction of Mr. Silliman, met at the parsonage on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold one of its popular 10-cent teas on Wednesday evening, at 5:30 p. m., instead of 6 p. m., as formerly.

Mr. E. S. Snyder will give a lecture on "Alaska" in this church, on Friday evening, Dec. 11. Mr. Snyder is to speak upon a theme with which he is very familiar, having himself traveled in Alaska seven times during the past ten years. The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, our pastor will exchange with Rev. Mr. Grisbrook, of Poquonock.

Rev. W. R. Roberts occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church in Hockanum on Sunday, Dec. 6.

The choir is planning to give a musical service on Sunday evening, Dec. 20.

We welcome back to our church two very active members who have been absent from us for some time.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

We are beginning to see the results of the evangelistic meetings conducted by Rev. C. C. Maxfield and already about twenty have come into the church by baptism and some have brought their church letters. An after meeting is held at the close of each Sunday evening service.

The pastor is giving a series of talks to the Junior Endeavorers with the view of especially helping the young to come to Christ, and also to strengthen those who have recently accepted Him.

On Thanksgiving day a prayer and praise service was held at 10 o'clock and a goodly number were in attendance.

Eighteen new members were welcomed into the church at the last Communion service.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The thoughts of the Sunday-school have been turned toward the Christmas celebration and the children will naturally think of little else till that is past. Then comes the quarterly roll-call and consecration meeting of the Loyal Workers, Jan. 3, when we hope the New Year will begin with an increased attendance and interest.

The Loyal Workers Society held its annual meeting for the election of officers and committees Dec. 4. The official list was unchanged, but the committees were changed about somewhat and a new

committee formed, to be known as the mission committee.

The chairmen of the various committees are as follows: Devotional. Herbert S. Colten; lookout, Miss C. Estelle Lay; music, Miss H. Fuller; floral, Miss Sadie L. Thomas; mission, Miss Louise H. Kinsman.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

The following are those who have spoken the last month: Rev. E. F. Talmadge, Rev. S. B. Forbes, B. N. B. Miller and Mr. Lent, of the seminary.

The different committees are getting ready for our annual New Year's entertainment, which will be on New Year's night and in the infant room the following afternoon.

The Domestic Band gave an entertainment under the auspices of the King's Daughters, on Nov. 13.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The church debt fund, by which it was hoped to raise another thousand dollars of the debt this year, has passed the \$800 mark. Some of the Sunday-school classes, and other organizations, are preparing entertainments or suppers in aid of the fund.

Miss Julia T. Atwood, one of our older members, died November 24, at the age of 81.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

A special musical is being arranged for Christmas under the direction of J. Vincent Freeman, the chapel's organist.

The Tuesday afternoon meetings of the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor are largely attended.

A pleasant surprise was given Rev. J. B. Connell and his wife at their home, on the evening of November 10. It was arranged by the Dorcas Society and evidenced the very kindly feeling entertained for Mr. Connell.

A committee of the Endeavor Society was recently appointed to confer with other like committees in the city with reference to starting a "Good Citizenship League." The name also proposed is "Young Men's Civic Club." A first meeting was held Friday evening, December 11, at the Fourth Church.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The services are unusually well attended.

The Penny-a-Day Society had a visit from the Men's Club last Friday evening.

The Ladies' Missionary Society surprised themselves at the success of their sale.

The Girls' Friendly give an entertainment on December 15 and 16, to raise funds for the Christmas tree, December 28, when Santa Claus comes down the chimney.

UNITY CHURCH.

November 12, the monthly social was held. Progressive whist was played from 8.30 till 10 o'clock, when light refreshments were served, about sixty were present. On November 15, Rev. Mr. Waite preached a sermon on "Church and School." It was reported in full in the Hartford Times.

On November 22, Mr. Waite being ill, the desk was supplied by Rev. Mr.

Hutchins of Springfield, Mass. On December 5, Mr. Waite gave a very interesting discourse on "Everyman," the morality play, contrasting mediæval and modern ideas concerning death.

The December social is announced for the evening of December 18.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

At a sale given by the Junior Circle of the Young People's Federation, nearly \$125 was realized. This is the sum necessary to support a small blind child at the institution in Hartford, and it will be used for that purpose.

On December 27, Christmas Sunday will be observed. There will be special music.

Rev. Dr. Parker occupied the pulpit one Sunday this month.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Thanksgiving morning there was a union service in our chapel, of the Methodist church, the Congregational church of Poquonock, the Wilson Station church and our church.

Sunday morning, November 29, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. George Lee of the island of Jamaica, West Indies. He is pastor of three churches whose buildings were destroyed by a hurricane last summer.

Sunday evening, November 29, Rev. Edward S. Tead, secretary of the Education Society presented the work of that society in a very interesting way.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loomis are visiting friends in Nebraska and other parts of the West.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The sessions of the Sunday-school are being held after the morning service, by way of experiment. There are some disadvantages, but as some desired it, it was thought well to give it a trial. The wish is to do that which serves the convenience of the greatest number and at the same time is for the best interest of the school.

Preparations are being made for Christmas by the choir and the Sunday-school. The entertainment will be held in Jewell Hall as usual.

Professor Edwards lectured before the Young Men's Guild Thursday evening, December 10, at the residence of the rector.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

November 20, the Mission Circle gave a supper to the young people of the church, which was very largely attended. Speeches were made most acceptably by Mr. Ranney, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Petee, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Beadle and Mr. Dickinson recited a poem of his own composition, which was especially appreciated.

Miss Hunt, who has been made president upon the resignation of Mrs. Ranney made a plea for the interest of the young people in the society and the men were invited to become honorary or advisory members by the payment of the fee of 25 cents or 50 cents for the year.

Miss Jessie Abrams presented charades. Those who took part were Messrs. Ranney, Russell, Adams, Trichmann, Trumbull, Robertson, Hersey, and Beadle, and Misses Abrams, E.

Robertson, A. Robertson, C. Jones and F. Robertson.

Monday evening, December 7, a business meeting and social of the Christian Endeavor Society, was held at the home of Miss Jones on Spring street. There is a spirit of energy at work which ought to accomplish a great deal of work before next summer. Refreshments were served and college songs enjoyed. Much thanks and appreciation is due Miss Jones for her kind thoughtfulness.

There will be especial features at the meeting on Sunday, December 13, and all are invited to be present.

The committee for the Christmas entertainment of the Sunday-school consists of Miss Robertson, Mr. Russell, Miss Howard, Mrs. Russell and Mr. Biddle.

There are plans for a very enjoyable evening on December 28, and the co-operation of all interested in the Sunday-school is solicited.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

A union meeting of the south-end churches was held in this church, Tuesday evening, November 24, in preparation for the Morgan meetings.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has just sent a box of dry groceries to the Deaconess Home in Brooklyn, also a barrel of supplies to Harwood Home, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The sale and entertainment recently given by the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters and the Ladies' Aid Society was very successful and a large sum was cleared for the Kitchen Fund.

There was no evening service held Sunday, December 6, on account of the meeting at the Opera House, addressed by Dr. Morgan.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our new bell rang for service for the first time, Sunday, December 6, and it gives a pleasant sound.

Our Sunday-school teachers are preparing a little Christmas exercise to please the children when the usual entertainment is given.

A supper was given Wednesday evening, December 2, to raise some money for expenses.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Rally Day was observed in the Sunday-school, Sunday, November 29, and there was a very large attendance. Reports of work showed a very gratifying increase in all directions. The history for the past year was an important feature of the exercises.

Dr. Chas. E. Fay of Tufts College, will lecture in the church, Friday evening, December 11, on "The Canadian Alps." Dr. Fay will be here under the direction of the Young Peoples' Guild and will give an excellent talk on the subject. Dr. Fay is very widely known as a mountain climber.

Wednesday evening, December 16, at 7.45, Mayor Sullivan will address the people of the parish on "What the Citizens Can Do to Help Their Officials." Mayor Sullivan will give some excellent points on this subject and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Every one is cordially invited to be present.

Tuesday afternoon, December 8, the Louise Circle of Kings Daughters held a pin cushion sale in the vestry.

The regular monthly vesper service will be held Sunday evening, December 20. Special music is being arranged. It being near Christmas time, the service will be of a nature appropriate to the season.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

A committee of five has been appointed to take charge of our Christmas entertainment, which takes place on the 29th.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a very enjoyable entertainment in the chapel on Wednesday evening, consisting of recitations by Mrs. Denslow, piano solos by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Morgan, and vocal solos by Mrs. Johnson. Proceeds are for the church debt.

The members of our church are taking advantage of the opportunity to hear Dr. Morgan in Hartford, at the series of meetings being held there.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL

Rev. Herbert Macy has returned to the pulpit after a prolonged illness. He spent a week in Washington, D. C., while he was convalescing. At the Sunday evening services for a short time he will give some of his experiences and pleasures there.

The children are rehearsing a cantata for the Christmas exercises.

Members from this church are attending the Campbell Morgan meetings in Hartford.

The pastor has called a meeting of the C. E. Society, together with the church officers, to a meeting at the parsonage on Monday evening, December 7, to make plans for the winter meetings.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society is studying China, as outlined in Rex Christus.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On Sunday evening, November 29, Rev. H. R. Traver gave us a very instructive talk on "Wireless Telegraphy," and the spiritual truths drawn from it. The apparatus was on the platform and interesting experiments were shown with it.

The new officers of the B. Y. P. U. are: President, Mr. A. C. Woodbury; vice-president, Mr. Fred Carpenter; secretary, Mrs. A. E. Fish; treasurer, Mr. A. E. Fish.

The quarterly meeting of the Hartford Baptist Union will be held at our church on Thursday evening, December 10.

MORGAN ST. CHAPEL.

The sewing-school for girls from six to thirteen years of age, re-opened November 16, with an enrollment of one hundred scholars and a good corps of teachers. The children show a marked improvement in behavior and in personal appearance, so that the teachers feel that their efforts are being rewarded.

The Loyalty Club for young women has opened with great enthusiasm. Miss Hurlbut is in charge this year, as for several past years, and the club is one of the most successful departments of the work at the chapel.

The mothers' meeting held a Thanksgiving social on Friday, November 27, with violin music by Miss Gray and

recitations by Miss Tallman. It was greatly enjoyed by all.

The kitchen garden girls also had a special Thanksgiving celebration and put their teachings into practice by setting the tables and waiting on them, themselves.

FIRST METHODIST.

On November 18, a social was given at the home of Mrs. Newton, Windsor Avenue. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all attending.

We had the pleasure of having with us at our Epworth League meeting, November 29, Mr. P. E. Shoemaker, the vice-president of the Hartford group, of the New Haven district of Epworth League. We hope a group meeting may be held in the near future.

The prayer services are increasing in spirit as well as in numbers. The subjects for each service presented are very helpful.

Our Sunday evening services are increasing each evening.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Rev. D. D. Marsh, read his resignation Sunday, December 5, to take effect the last Sunday in December.

Having purchased a house in West Hartford last April, and moving there, has caused him to make this decision.

There has been a large amount of improvements made in the last four years, during which Mr. Marsh has been our pastor.

An addition was built for Sunday-school purpose, a new organ installed, and new seats in the church, these being the most important. The growth of the church has been remarkable in the last four years, being about fifty-one per cent. The Sunday-school has also had a steady growth and is on the gain all the time. Our attendance averages about two hundred at the present time, with two hundred and fourteen last Sunday.

Mr. Riga, our superintendent, has preparations well under way for Christmas. Our teachers are giving good support, but we are having difficulty in securing enough teachers, there being three to four classes every Sunday who are in charge of substitutes. Our Endeavor Society is pledged to support a Christian worker in India, and is making efforts to raise the money, with good success.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL

A very pleasing entertainment entitled "Then and Now" was given at the church Friday, December 4. It was under the direction of Superintendent Miller and the proceeds will go toward the piano fund. The piano was purchased some time ago on the responsibility of the Endeavor Society, but as it is used in the Sunday-school, Mr. Miller took this method of paying a part.

The exercises of the Sunday-school for Christmas will take place some evening between Christmas and New Year's. There will be a miscellaneous programme, which is already in preparation. It has been decided to send South for the decorations, both for variety's sake and to help the church in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah George celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding December 5. The same date

was also the fifteenth anniversary of Deacon and Mrs. Wm. A. Wadham's.

The pastor, alone, attended the general conference in New Haven. It does not seem possible to work up much lay interest in the conference, in spite of Deacon Camps' argument that the conference was established for the lay element.

Prof. L. W. Harvey organized a singing class Wednesday evening, December 9. While not confined to church members, the hope of those instrumental in arranging the class, is that it will be very useful in developing singers for our churches.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. French have come to be permanent residents of the town, we trust. Mr. French has disposed of his business in Waterbury. For a time he went back and forth, but the train service was very inconvenient for him, and about the time of the street car strike in Waterbury he went there to reside.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The group meeting for the Hill churches, preparatory to the coming of Dr. Morgan, was held with this church, there being a large attendance. Dr. Stone presided, but the meeting was largely participated in by the pastors of the other churches. Mr. Maplesden gave a brief, but interesting account of the revival work in Springfield, where he has been working for six weeks. During the past month a young men's Bible class has been formed, under the leadership of Mr. Wells, who has formerly been in Y. M. C. A. work.

The thirtieth anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Hartford Association met with this church, December 2. The meeting was one of interest, some being present who were there when the society was organized, and the reminiscences were pleasing to all. Mrs. Waterbury, of the Woman's Board, gave the address, which was much anticipated by all those familiar with her earnestness and charms as a speaker. Mrs. Stone was re-elected president of the conference, having served in this capacity nineteen years.

HE CALLED HIM "AX."

An English parson of a church in Berbice, British Guiana, writes entertainingly of his pastoral duties. In the matter of christening, the choice is left to the taste or fancy of the parents.

This leads to strange combinations. He copies from his register, "Nanne Bellona," "Trank Locust," and "Whisky Emmanuel." Of earlier times he tells the following:

One black man brought his child, and when the minister asked its name, he said, "Seriatiim ad Valorem."

On another occasion the parson asked, "What is the name of the child?"

The father said, "Ax."

The minister looked inquiringly at the man, and said, "But I don't understand you."

"Well, parson," said the man, "my mind gi'e me to go troo' de New Testament. I have had four boys. The first was named Matthew, the second Mark, the third Luke, and the fourth John. Now this, the fifth one, is to be Ax (Acts), parson."

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* Editorial *

CHRISTMAS.

Perennial as the seasons themselves
comes 'round the joyful anniversary of
the birth of Christ. Abounding and out-
pouring love between God and man and
man and his brothers, is never so ap-
parent as at this season. And, in jus-
tice let it be said, that the calculating
spirit in the exchange of gifts is far less
in evidence than is often insinuated.
With the gifts go the love in nine cases
out of ten and the blessing of giving is
as fully enjoyed as the receiving.

How the gift of Christ to the world
has transformed this old world for us!
Consider the prevailing standards of liv-
ing before the Christian era. An "eye
for an eye" age; an age of low stand-
ards of morality; an age of superstition;
an age when the great mass of
people were ground to the earth in ig-
norance and poverty; an age of the de-
basement of women.

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

How all these conditions have gradu-
ally, but surely, been wonderfully im-
proved as Christianity has spread. How
nations are to-day emerging from dark-
ness as the light of the gospel is brought
to them.

Indeed, all other gifts we prize so
much on Christmas Day, are but the dust
in the balance, when weighed with the
great gift of God to man—His Son.

And credit to Him to Whom credit is
due. Let us not deceive our children,
nor perjure ourselves, by giving credit
for all these blessings and gifts to a
creature of Pagan mythology. How-
ever much we may slyly admire old
Santa Claus, from the happy youthful
associations with his name, it is neither
just nor honest to give to him, or
teach our children to, the gratitude and
admiration which belongs to the Babe
in the Manger.

THE MORGAN MEETINGS.

The series of meetings held in Center
Church by Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Mor-
gan, from Dec. 1 to 10, under the aus-
pices of the Northfield Extension Move-
ment, can be considered the notable re-
ligious event of the year in Hartford.

Many special preparatory meetings
had been previously held, and Dr. Mor-
gan found large numbers of sympathetic
listeners awaiting his messages to them.

His own personality is remarkable
and his power to awaken the spiritual
life undoubted. His keen and thor-
ough analysis of scripture, his knowl-
edge of human nature, his broad com-
prehension of the Divine nature, were
abundantly demonstrated to his many
hearers.

The meetings were not conducted on
the familiar "revival" lines, and in that
respect some were disappointed. But
such disappointment was owing to a
misconception of the purpose of the
meetings, which was to awaken spir-
itual life and stir religious zeal, the
real ingathering of souls into the
Christian churches naturally following,
by subsequent efforts, as will doubtless
prove the case.

Not the least important and pleasing
feature of these meetings has been the
unanimity of effort and support of sev-
eral different denominations. Christian
unity has perhaps never before been so
happily manifested in Hartford, and it
is to be hoped that this spirit of fellow-
ship may remain as one rich legacy of
Dr. Morgan's efforts.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

For the week of prayer, January 3
to 10, 1904, the Evangelical Alliance for
the United States has sent out sugges-
tions for the subjects to be considered

on the various days. The circular says:
"Existing conditions call for a renewed
and world-wide appeal to the throne of
the heavenly grace. With unprecedented
swiftness and momentum the course of
events moves on. Nations are in com-
motion. Races are at variance. Classes
angrily contend. False religions dream
of new conquests. The lust of the flesh
and the lust of the eyes, and the vain
glory in life, take captive the souls of
men."

The subjects suggested are: January
3, "The Kingdom of God and the Con-
ditions of its Triumphant Advance";
January 4, "The Warrant, the Privi-
lege, the Power of Prayer and the Pres-
ent Need of World-Wide Intercession";
January 5, "The Church of Christ—the
One Body of Believers, Called by God
to Win the World to Christ"; January
6, "All Nations and Peoples; the One
Human Family, Loved of God"; Janu-
ary 7, "Missions, Home and Foreign;
Departments of the One Evangelical
Effort, Under the One Great Commis-
sion"; January 8, "The Family—a Di-
vinely Prepared Foundation of Society's
Existence and Well-being," "The School
—Called of God as a Prime Agency of
Moral and Intellectual Training"; Jan-
uary 9, "The Enthronement of Christ
on Earth—the Only Hope of Human-
ity's Highest Welfare"; January 10, "The
Holy Spirit, God's Free Gift."

Bishop Potter, speaking under the aus-
pices of the Workmen's Club of this
city, on Nov. 24, said there was no
short, quick or final method of dealing
with the labor question. Anything that
was sudden in its effect was sure to be
superficial. The solution of the crisis
must be sought in its cause. The great
problem behind the labor trouble was
not one to be settled by legislation. But
there was something behind the law
which, if it were applied in a remedial
way, would afford equity and bring fair
dealing. In the application of the coun-
sel, "Bear ye one another's burdens,"
would be found redemption for the so-
ciety of to-day. The meeting was large,
and distinguished by the presence of
many of our prominent citizens including
the Governor.

Dr. Morgan had a few words regard-
ing the prayer meeting which will well
bear repetition here. Speaking at an
afternoon meeting on the subject of
"Practice of Prayer," he said he wanted
to enter a plea for the renewal of the
old prayer meeting. He said:

"I have yet to see a real church
prayer meeting on this continent. Your
mid-week meetings are very good, and
I would not change their order, but I
would stop calling them prayer meet-
ings. My own conviction is that a
prayer meeting should be for prayer

and prayer only. I long for the day when people will get together in groups for prayer."

The question of divorce has been much discussed of late by religious bodies, and there appears to be a growing sentiment against it, and especially against the remarriage of divorced persons. But divorces seem to be an inevitable result, if the laws governing marriages are so loose that a couple can legally marry themselves, as recently reported, by simply filing a paper with the county clerk declaring their intention to live together as man and wife. This can be done in New York state.

Don't forget to blanket your horse these wintry days, and keep an eye out for those of other people. The horse cannot speak of his sufferings, but he can feel the cold as keenly as you, or I, probably.

Good for Ryan, Chief of Police, Hartford! He's evidently trying to clean up some of the foul spots in the city. But the law should go farther than it has yet. The owners of the buildings used for these resorts should be summoned into court also, and made to hand out a good lump of their dirty money.

The results of the Post Office investigation have been made known, and reveal a pretty mess. If one result is to clothe the Civil Service Commission with greater powers, there will be some gain. But the trouble is, most of all, in the grafting politicians who find a place near the top and demoralize all below them.

HE KEPT HIS PROMISE.

His timid mother permitted him to go camping on condition that he would not get into a canoe while away, as she was afraid of it upsetting. The boy promised, though reluctantly. At the end of ten days, came the following letter:

"DEAR MOTHER: I'm having the best kind of a time, and I don't mind a bit about the canoe. Yesterday was the only day I really wanted to try one, for we were going across a little lake to another camp; but they've been teaching me how to swim, and Ned said that he and I would swim across and let the other four take the two canoes, and so we did, and swam back again, too. Wasn't that great? And I knew you'd be pleased to think I remembered my promise. Your affectionate son, George."—Selected.

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"Well," said Brooks, reflecting a moment, "not to speak of a hollow tooth, don't you sometimes have the headache?"—*Chicago Tribune.*

The home of an ex-President of the United States was blessed with a new

baby. The family scales could not be found, and recourse was had to the sacred set used only to record the triumphs of the father's famous fishing. What was the delight of the fond parents to find the infant boy weighed exactly *forty-seven pounds.*

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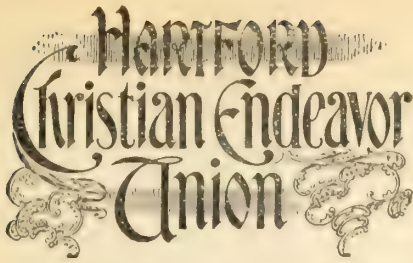
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HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The directors met recently and perfected plans for the annual Christmas entertainment to be given the prisoners at Wethersfield.

It may be of especial interest to the active Endeavorers of Hartford to know that we are to have the next state convention in Hartford during October, 1904. Rev. Carl Stackman, of West Cornwall, is chairman of the committee of arrangements, and will call his entire committee together in the near future.

Mr. Albert H. Brooks, the new president of Hartford Union, has been visiting unofficially the nearby societies. He and the secretary will endeavor to be at two different meetings next Sunday, one, fortunately, meeting somewhat earlier than the other, which enables them to take in two on this date.

The new missionary superintendent is Rev. S. E. MacGeehon, of the Glenwood Congregational church.

Mr. Harry Olmsted is once more the chairman of the Lookout committee.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

I wish you a "Merry Christmas" and a very "Happy New Year," a year that shall be full of great opportunities for grand work along the lines of Christian Endeavor, that you will not fail to make it helpful to your society and to yourself.

In October of next year, we are to have the State convention in our city and this alone will be a great help to us. We would like to go into that convention I am sure, and be able to report that Hartford Union had made a net gain of ten per cent. in membership. We can do this by taking hold of work immediately, not waiting until a more convenient time. Bring into your work love, zeal and enthusiasm.

Now a word in regard to your Union Director. This position should be filled by one of your best workers, one that will make it a point to attend the meetings when called.

Your Society will derive a benefit, thereby, in the new or different ideas that we have before the meetings, and the close touch we are brought into.

Remember that in helping others we are strengthening ourselves.

Yours in the spirit of Christian Endeavor,

ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 13—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—An antiworry meeting.—John xiv, 1-31.

We are living in an age when worry and its pernicious effects are most prevalent. The contest for place and power and the strife of competition at a time when so much stress is laid upon ma-

terial things are so great that the lives of many are filled with undue anxiety concerning the things of life. In addition to this, there are many other causes that produce worry—the afflictions, sorrows and bereavements of life as well as its duties and unnatural ambitions.

But worry is anti-Christian. Jesus Christ, the "author and finisher of our faith," was an optimist and not a pessimist. He recognized the fact that there were sorrows, adversities and tribulations in life, but in spite of them all He preached the gospel of good cheer. To the paralytic He said, "Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." To the disciples on the stormy Galilee He said, "Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid." To them again when about to leave them in the world a parting word was, "In the world ye have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." To Paul, face to face with shipwreck in the Mediterranean sea, He appeared at night with the comforting words, "Fear not, Paul." So it was continually in the life of the Master. Recognizing the sorrows of life, He yet preached cheerfulness and warned His disciples against undue anxiety about the things of this life. And where do we find a better illustration of this truth than in the instance before us, where when about to leave His disciples in the world He said, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me?"

Christ's practice and teaching make worry wrong for the Christian. It is a manifestation of doubt of God. It is an expression of lack of faith in Christ. Real, genuine faith in God and in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Saviour should exclude worry from our lives, and worry indulged in becomes a sin.

But worry is worthless as well as wrong. It improves nothing. It makes bad worse instead of better. Nothing in the midst of trouble is more harmful than worry over it. Cheerfulness strengthens and encourages us, it helps us to endure, but worry weakens us at every point and makes us all the less able to stand against the trouble that assails us.

If not worry, what then? Trust—trust in God, trust in Jesus Christ. "Ye believe in God, believe also in Me." That Christ declares should be our attitude toward the troubles and adversities of life. We are not to fear, but believe; we are not to worry, but to trust. Christ Himself is the basis of Christian cheerfulness which should supplant worry. "Be of good cheer, it is I," He said to the disciples, and again, "In the world ye have tribulations, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." Christ has overcome, and in His name and power we can overcome. Therefore "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Pen Points.

There should be no dead line this side of eternity for the Christian Endeavorer.

Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 20—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—A vision of world peace. Isa. xl, 5-8, 12, 5 C. Christm.

Worldwide peace! What communion more devoutly to be desired! Peace—peace among the nations of the earth, peace between man and man and, most important of all, peace between every man and God. After nineteen centuries of Christianity we scarcely dare dream of universal peace, yet centuries before the Christ was born Isaiah the prophet was bold enough, under divine inspiration, to picture the day of worldwide peace and to set forth some of its characteristics.

Though a vision, Isaiah's vision is to be a reality. The day is coming when there will be universal peace. This is the prophecy of the prophet of God, and God Himself is therefore responsible for its fulfillment. This fact makes its fulfillment an absolute certainty. God often acts slowly, it is true, and yet He always accomplishes His purposes. He "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;" but, though the way may be mysterious, the wonders are always performed. And while God often unfolds His plans and purposes slowly, at the same time He also acts at times with marvelous rapidity. Through the coral insect God sometimes takes ages to make an island in the sea, and then, again, by volcanic action He casts up a group of islands in a day. So with His purposes concerning men. What it may take centuries to accomplish in one way God can and sometimes has accomplished in a day by a different method. There is a divine plan in human life, and whether it is worked out slowly or rapidly it will be worked out, and God will be supreme.

The basis of worldwide peace is Jesus Christ. Isaiah calls him "the Prince of Peace," and He is. He was peace itself amid the adversities and distractions of His own life. In leaving the world He left peace as a legacy to His disciples—"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled." And as the Prince of Peace He is finally to extend His peace throughout the entire world. He came into this world to bring peace. At His birth the angels of heaven sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men!" On Christ alone could universal peace be brought about. He alone can satisfy the want and need of every human heart. He is the only universal Saviour, and through Him alone can universal peace be brought about. But it can be and will be through Him. His kingdom is to be a universal kingdom, and when it is universally extended there will be worldwide peace.

But we have a part in bringing about worldwide peace. It is to be brought about by the extension of Christ's kingdom. Peace is to reign "because the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

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Topic For the Week beginning Jan.

3—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—The kind of growth I need in 1904.—Eph. iv, 11-16.

The kind of growth I need in 1904 depends entirely upon the condition of my moral and spiritual character at the beginning of 1904. What God wants us each one to be is a symmetrical, well balanced, full rounded Christian. No Christian grace should be abnormally developed. No one should be given such prominence as to dwarf the others and give them no opportunity for growth. Each Christian grace is to be so normally developed that when they are all taken together they will present a perfect spiritual life, as when the members of the body are so evenly developed that in the aggregate they go to make up a perfect physical man. This being the aim, we must therefore grow in the graces in which we are deficient. The missing grace is to be added and the weak grace to be strengthened. Therefore to grow intelligently we must examine ourselves as to our needs so that they may be supplied. Do we lack love, then we should grow in love. Is our power to resist temptation weak, then that should be strengthened.

But the apostle lays special emphasis upon the fact that in the development of the perfect man in Christ particular stress needs to be laid upon certain virtues. In these things all should grow, and it is hardly imaginable that any of us has so far developed in them that further growth is impossible. Among these fundamental principles of Christian character stand faith, knowledge and love. Without faith it is impossible to please God, and that we may develop a Christian character that will be well pleasing in His sight faith must more and more become a part of our lives. Growth in knowledge is also essential to symmetrical Christian development. "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," says the Apostle Peter. Knowledge is not virtue. A man may know, yet not do. But knowledge is essential to growth. We cannot believe until we know what God would have us believe; we cannot love until we know whom God would have us love; we cannot do until we know what God would have us do. Growth in knowledge is most essential, therefore, to perfect development. And all growth is in love. Love is the basis as well as the crown of all the Christian graces. "Rooted and grounded in love," we are to come "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

God recognizes our need of growth and has provided for it. His Holy Spirit has endowed certain of His people with special powers of religious leadership. He has given us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers "for the perfecting of the saints." Let us under the direction of the Holy Spirit Himself and His inspired teachers strive to grow nearer and nearer to the goal of perfect manhood set before us throughout this entire year.

Topic For the Week beginning Dec. 27—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—An optimists' missionary meeting.—Isa lx, 1-5.

Many missionary meetings are not optimistic. There are so many seeming discouragements in the way of mission work that God's people do not always enter into missionary meetings and service with an optimistic spirit. When we think of the number of those who are in heathen darkness and their condition morally and spiritually we are almost overwhelmed with the problem before us and feel like crying out, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The result is depression rather than elation, and many good Christian people are often much depressed over the conditions and outlook of missionary work. But while these things are dark and appalling there is another side to the question. The cloud has a silver lining, as Isaiah shows when he calls upon the church to "arise, shine!"

1. Missionary optimism is possible because the church's light has come. The church is to lighten the darkness of heathendom, and its light has come. Jesus, the Saviour of the church and the Light of the world, has come. Christ came first to lighten His church and then through His church to lighten the world. The first great step in the enlightenment and salvation of the world has been taken. Christ has come, and hence Isaiah calls to the church: "Arise, shine, for the light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee! For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen." God's method in saving the world was not to dispel its darkness at a single stroke, but through an enlightened part to enlighten the whole. Israel was the part, and Israel's light has come in the person of the divine Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is also "the Light of the world."

2. Missionary optimism is possible because the enlightenment and salvation of the world are assured. The light has come and in due time will enlighten the entire world. "And the gentiles shall come to Thy light and kings to the brightness of Thy rising." This is the prophet's prediction that the gentiles as well as the Jews will come to the light which God has sent into the world. And this prediction will come true. It was given under the inspiration of God and cannot fail. The Scriptures repeatedly predict the salvation of the world. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" for it, and the entire world will some time hear His name and believe in Him. But, furthermore, the prophet in vision sees the fulfillment of his prophecy. "Lift up thine eyes roundabout and see. All they gather themselves together; they come to thee; * * * the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee; the forces of the gentiles shall come unto thee." And as we look about us today we see in reality what Isaiah saw in vision. The light has come.

Topic For the Week beginning Jan.

10—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—What are some tests of repentance?—Luke iii, 8-14; Ps. li, 1-17.

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. He came to prepare the way of the Lord, and he did it by preaching the doctrine of repentance from sin. But true repentance not only includes sorrow for sin, but the giving up of sin. In repentance a sinner, "out of a true sense of his sin and full appreciation of the mercy of God in Christ, doth with grief and hatred for his sin turn from it unto God, with a full purpose of and endeavor after a new obedience." The Jews in John's day claimed that they had sought shelter from the wrath of God, and John called upon them to prove it by bringing forth "works worthy of repentance." Repentance means not only a changed inward life, but also a changed outward life. We prove our repentance of sin by giving up sin. "The wicked forsakes his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts" when they repent and turn from sin unto God.

Under the preaching of John many were convicted of sin and cried out unto him, "What shall we do?" "The people asked him, saying, 'What shall we do, then?' He told them to be unselfish. 'He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none, and he that hath meat, let him do the same.' John prescribes no senseless penance, but the kindly exercise of unselfish service toward others in life. The publicans said, 'What shall we do?' and John replied, 'Exact no more than that which is appointed you.' The publicans were the tax collectors under the Roman government. Their besetting sin was theft. John calls upon them to give up stealing and to be honest. Then came the soldiers, saying, 'What shall we do?' and John replied, 'Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely, and be content with your wages.' In the discharge of their duties they exercised undue brutality, frequently made false accusations against men and caused trouble concerning their wages. Hence John calls upon them to give up their besetting sins. And these illustrations answer the inquiry of the topic. The test of a man's repentance is his willingness to give up "the sin that so easily besets him." The people, the publicans, the soldiers, were not guilty of the same offenses. Their sins differed according to their temperaments and professions. But each was called upon to give up the sin that was peculiar to him. This is the only test of repentance. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

But in the experience of David it is also suggested that service in the interest of others is "a work worthy of repentance." "Restore unto me," says the psalmist, "the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." If truly repentant we become interested in the repentance of others.

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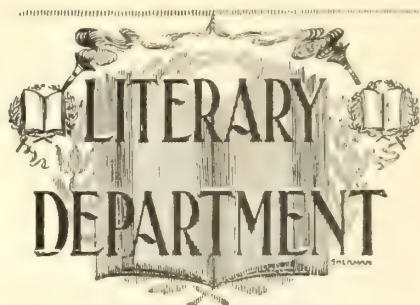
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The December *Century* presents a large variety of seasonable material both in text and pictures, and is particularly rich in color work. The new cover is embellished by a picture by George H. Halliwell of the coronation of Charlemagne, which took place on Christmas Day, 800 A. D. The colored frontispiece is a "Madonna and Child," by Hugo Ballin. Miss Violet Oakley contributes two Christmas pictures in color, entitled "Light of the World," and there are two pictures in color by Ellen B. Thompson to accompany a paper by Jacob A. Riis, entitled "Children of the People." Dr. James M. Buckley writes of "Fanaticism in the United States," in which there is additional reference to "Elijah the Restorer." Apropos of the Jonathan Edwards celebration the editor writes of "The Growth of Religious Tolerance."

The December number of *The Century* justifies the interest with which its readers have learned to look to it for bright special articles of timely interest. The

month's article is one on The Social Duties of Mrs. Roosevelt, by Mrs. Abby G. Baker, and others of interest are: Modern Methods of Finance, Young Men in Congress—Brief Pen Sketches of the Younger Generation of Statesmen now in the Eye of the Public. There is a very short story by Edith Elmer Wood—The First Lieutenant's Christmas Tree; another of the *Picaroons* series—the Mystery of the Hamman House, by Gaillet Fairgess and Will Irwin. The illustrations are numerous and good.

The new publishers of *Everybody's Magazine* declare the holiday issue to be much the best they have yet produced. It is not the typical Christmas number made up of stilted fiction and pictures of the festival in many lands. It is just an especially lively and entertaining magazine, full of really good stories, clever pictures, and well written and timely articles. The magazine has Eugene Burnand's pictures of Bible scenes, reproduced for the first time in America.

McClure's Magazine for December, in harmony with the gentleness of the season, moderates a little its strenuous, battering ram tone of the last few months. It is, in fact, decidedly Christmasy, with its beautiful illustrations—many in tint—and amiable fiction; and is all aglow with the spirit of truce-time. For the strenuous reader, however, there are articles by Ida M. Tarbell, Ray Stannard Baker and others.

Levy etc. include two items on the contents page of the December *Leslie's*. The Christmas flavor is delightfully supplied by a little story called "Christmas Memories," with illustrations in color; by a striking series of animal drawings, also in color, by Charles Livingston Bull, called "The Wild Beasts' Christmas Dinner," and by the Christmas festivities of "A Few Real Boys."

The Cosmopolitan for December is full of excellent matter. Especially noteworthy is H. G. Wells new serial, "The Food of the Gods." "The Wonders of New York" is a significant article by John Brisben Walker. Its numerous illustrations prove the marvels written of. There are some excellent stories and miscellany, which give real distinction to this number.

Probably near the front among the most striking and artistic periodicals for popular use ever published is *The Burr McIntosh Monthly*. The Christmas number surpasses every previous issue. Its one hundred and ten pages of illustration, "most of which are worth framing," will prove one hundred and ten and more proofs of the publisher's claims.

The Book of the Short Story. By Alexander Jessup and Henry Seidel Canby. 307 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a selection of noted short stories from the literature of different times and peoples, designed principally as an assistance in the study of the art of short story writing.

The stories are well selected and editing very carefully done, so that the practical value of the book is not to be doubted. From another standpoint, the book will be welcome as an interesting series of short tales well repaying the reader.

The Boy Calendar, consisting of one large drawing by McCutcheon for each month of the year, showing some few of the endless possibilities of the exploits characteristic of healthy, hearty boyhood, is a work that will certainly prove a joy for twelve months to come.

The drawings are laughably true to life, each one containing a fund of humorous, quaint significance. It is published by Messrs. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. Price \$1.00.

The Warriors. By Anna R. Brown Lindsay. 216 pages, 12 mo. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Price, \$1.00.

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While," as before stated, it tells, for children primarily, the Christ story, its interest is as strong to older readers.

The illustrations, one of which, through the publisher's courtesy, is reproduced on our front cover, are reproductions of paintings by the masters of ancient and modern art.

The Christmas Cat. By Anna Burnham Bryant. 207 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.00.

It seems that there is a danger-signal out for the old favorites of childhood. For generations our children have been lulled and happy each new Christmas with more elaborate reprints of Mother Goose and the beloved Arabian Nights, until this season has come a swirl of new and excellent substitutes to largely

story-teller. Her "Dames and Daughters of Colonial Days" proved her ability and her skill in research and compilation, for it was a most concise and comprehensive work. These are the essential attributes of this new volume. The romances, constructed mostly on skeletons of real historic episodes, have been elaborated in several instances, so as to give additional charm, but, for the most part, one enjoys this book for its vivid picture of manners and customs before the revolution.

The Spy of Yorktown. By William O. Stoddard. 229 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.25.

Young readers will welcome this story by so popular a writer, especially as it deals with a subject of so much interest as Benedict Arnold's part in the last year of the Revolution.

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"Brother Jonathan." By Hezekiah Butterworth. 240 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

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Aunt Jimmy's Will. By Mabel Osgood Wright. 272 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price \$1.20.

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It is the story of the growth of character as much as of anything and, as such, its influence on girl readers will be wholesome and stirring. The narrative is lively and the drawings by Florence Scovel Shinn, add much to its interest.

The Adventures of Dorothy. By Jocelyn Lewis. 189 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Outlook Co. Price \$1.00.

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"Where she sat by the hour showing pictures to Winkey." From "The Christmas Cat." Pilgrim Press, Publishers.

While," now takes a theme in consideration which is well worth while.

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The Christ Story. By Eva March Tappan. 416 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

This book was referred to last month in these pages, but there is so much substance and so much inspiration in it, that it well deserves to be recalled to the attention of the many who would appreciate its value.

take their place.

"The Christmas Cat" is one of the best examples of the new child-literature. It is a story that would hold the close interest of every child. It is clever and lively and healthy. Cats of all kinds and sizes adorn the pages. They are drawn by Edith Brand whose sense of humor will delight, as much as her ability as an artist, pleases. The publishers have kindly permitted us to reproduce one of these illustrations on this page.

Romances of Colonial Days. By Geraldine Brooks. 180 pages, 12 mo. New York: T. Y. Cromwell & Co. Price \$1.25.

Miss Brooks is a better historian than

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

Phases of Life. By John Phoenix. 332 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$2.00.

The series of papers which are now collected, form this volume, were greatly in favor a generation ago. The popular interest in them was natural and when they were brought out in book form they received a prompt assignment to a place among the classics of American literature.

Mr. E. W. Kemble's style of drawing most appropriately applies to the odd wit and humor of the book. It gives an added keenness and spice which make the book in its present form a boon to possess.

The introduction by John Kendrick Bangs is well and freshly expressed and shows a hearty appreciation of Derby's motives and work.

The several illustrations, one of which we copy on this page, are as quaint and original in conception as the tale itself.

The Outlook Fairy Book. By Laura Winington. 313 pages, large 8 vo. New York: The Outlook Company. Price \$1.20.

A collection like this, of fairy stories from many lands, by different writers, and selected with such evident care and discrimination as the work shows, is a book likely to be of permanent interest to children.

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The Captain's Daughter. By Gwendolen Overton. 276 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price \$1.50.

"Haggarty" as a soldier type is admirable, despite his lapse from the stern duty of obedience to orders. Still, the heroine would have given even a younger man sufficient excuse, so charming a girl is she.

The predicament that these two characters find themselves in gives the basis of a simple, vivid tale, which holds the sympathies and interest throughout.

The illustrations of scenes at the frontier army post are well drawn.

The Children of the Tenements. By Jacob A. Riis. 387 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Macmillan Company. Price \$1.50.

The experience of many years of work among the people of the slums has given Mr. Riis ample material for stories such as he has collected in this volume. They deal with real, typical children. The incidents range from grave to gay and show significantly the opposite sides of child life in the tenement districts of New York.

Henry Ward Beecher. By Lyman Abbott. 457 pages, 8 vo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.75.

Dr. Abbott has written this general biography of his predecessor in the pulpit of Plymouth Church with a strong faith that to Beecher, more than to any other man since Jonathan Edwards, belongs the credit of guiding and moulding religious life and thought in America.

While aiming to be judicial and calm, the evident admiration of Dr. Abbot for Mr. Beecher necessarily tones the book—a fact not to be regretted, in view of the less fair and more vigorous comments of others who have written on Beecher's life and career. The work will prove a valuable addition to the biographical or religious shelves of any library.

The Story of the Golden Fleece. By Andrew Lang. 93 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Company. Price 75 cents.

The old story of Jason and his quest for the Golden Fleece, as retold by Andrew Lang, gathers to itself a charm and fascination it never had before. Few more versatile writers live to-day, and the excellence of Lang's work is unimpaired.

The illustrations by Mills Thompson are appropriate and interesting.

An Introductory Study of Ethics. By Warner Fite. 383 pages, 12 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$1.00.

In this introduction to the study of ethics, the author begins properly with a consideration of the meaning of ethics and goes on to discuss the scope and method of ethical reasoning. Following this he discusses at length the problem in various phases of social, personal and professional morals.

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From "George Washington Jones."

George Washington Jones. By Ruth McEnery Stuart. 147 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Co. Price \$1.00.

This is the quaint and witty story of "A Christmas Gift That Went a Begging."

Mr. George Washington Jones was a very small colored boy—poor, neglected, and alone. He had memories of his grandfather's story of how, before the war, when small, he had been given as a Christmas gift to a young mistress, and the idea occurs to the little grandson to make a Christmas present of himself to a young "fairy lady," whom he has seen playing a harp and greatly admires.

It is a rarely good story here told and one that is full of the Christmas spirit.

My Mamie Rose. By Owen Kildare. 303 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.50.

One who has heard the history of this story of the regeneration of a Bowery "tough," a prize fighter and "bouncer" in the low dives, is prepared for something as unusual, but he cannot estimate until he has read it. Whatever his conception, the reader must find much to astonish and impress him throughout this work.

It tells how the spark of ambition was kindled in his life, how for eight years he has fought his way upward, until to-day he is succeeding as an author and playwright, to say nothing of the great victory over himself. Few can read this true story without emotion, yet there is also to be found more ro-

The Hermit. By Charles Clarke Munn. 106 pages, 12 mo. Boston; Lee and Shepard. Price \$1.50.

This is a genuine old-fashioned love story, of the kind that everyone likes. The power of the forest is impressed by every page and the thrilling mystery in the deep Maine woods holds the interest closely throughout.

There is much humor and some pathos in the picture of village life given. There are several characters, such as "Aunt Comfort" and "Cy Walker," whose unique personalities give distinction to the story.

Vanderfolk in Wonderland. By Edith Guerrier. 123 pages, square 8 mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.50.

There is much original charm in the clever animal fable stories related in this collection. They are designed for young children and are quaintly and well illustrated.

The animals are made to appear very real and human-like in their words and acts, and so appeal to the child mind.

More Five Minute Stories. By Laura E. Richards. 150 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Dana Estes & Co. Price \$1.00.

This second volume in the series of Five Minute Stories will probably prove even more popular than its predecessor. The author writes in a spirit of evident sympathy with children and understands how to tell them entertaining tales which convey, also, real, but unobtrusive moral lessons. The volume is appropriately illustrated, a specimen illustration being shown on this page.

Letters Home. By William Dean Howells. 299 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Howells' latest novel is not as skillfully polished, nor is the design so alertly kept in mind, as is required by the peculiar form he has essayed to tell this story in.

Nevertheless, the vigor and originality of the story and the virile character delineations, are proof of unsuspected resources and it is doubtful if he has produced a book of such genuine fascination and unabating interest before. The intricate plot is developed through glimpses at letters written by people sojourning in New York City, to their various homes. The different view-points on life in that city are curious and novel and will prove of permanent value, as well as of present amusement and interest, even though, at times, the analysis and sentiment makes some letter sound less natural than it ought.

Eleanor Lee. A Story of Married Life. By Margaret E. Sangster. 322 pages, 12 mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price \$1.50.

To show that love grows stronger— if it is true love—after marriage, instead of fading, is the purpose of Mrs. Sangster in this novel. Eleanor Lee is a beautiful girl who struggles to redeem from vice a husband whom she loves.

The story is a calm and beautiful one, without a tinge of hysterics—better, perhaps, to say, without false sentiment—and its purpose, while obvious, does not overshadow the interest.

Eleanor is a type of a true woman of human failings, but whose fidelity is not

shaken by temptations and not enflamed by adversity. There is much pathos, much truth and more inspiration in the story and its lessons are many.

The Master of Millions. By George C. Lorimer. 588 pages, 12 mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. Price \$1.50.

Though a long story, this is so truly a drama of many parts, scenes and characters, and so thrilling and courageous in its telling, that the length seems justified.

There is even a touch of melodrama, but it would be hard to avoid the appearance of it, telling the remarkable romance that it does. From the bad

story as this is, our readers will gain popularity. The two children and their friends, and the dolls, "Polly Wog" and "Peter Pook," will interest young readers from the start.

The writer's sympathy for all forms of animal life, caused her to introduce children in even the least forms of life, and then stories of pet, which amusing, will prove of wholesome interest.

Marie Corelli, the Writer and the Woman. By T. F. G. Coates and R. S. Warren Bell. 352 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Geo. W. Jacobs & Co. Price \$1.50.

It is strange that so pretty a young



THE PEARL FISHER.

From "More Five Minute Stories." Dana, Estes & Co., Publishers.

action of a good man, a complication arises that quickly involves others, until one crisis follows another and the action fairly leaps. Human emotions are played upon with a strong and skillful hand. The story, unenlivened by humor, is almost too depressing. It presents problems, but not practical ways of settling them and, though the reader will find the story fascinating and impressive, if he is of an earnest mind, he will wish the pages had been less gloomy, or else that they led to some practical solution of the problems.

Jane and John. By Elizabeth Polhemus. 326 pages, 8 vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

Such an interesting and bright child's

woman—for the only portrait published showed her to be that—should so strenuously object to the public's viewing her features.

Still one may now get a real portrait, without doubt, in this effort to portray her personality, her work, and her surroundings; for in this volume is combined a eulogy, a biography, a review of her writings, and many anecdotes of interest and significance. There are 16 full-page illustrations, not one of which gives us even a glimpse of Miss Corelli herself.

The Pine Grove House. By Ruth Hall. 290 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a simple, but well written

The scenes, while realistic, are not merely accurate and true, but are also beautiful at times.

The heroine is in an environment not at all congenial to her, but is able to bring out excellent qualities, which the hero duly observes. This sounds trivial, perhaps, but the story is far from that. It is a well-written and interesting story.

Long Will. By Florence Converse. 377 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

Though the Chaucer-like atmosphere of this tale is strengthened by the quaint illustrations, it is very rarely that a sweeter and more wholesome and really interesting story is published.

While there is much life and change, the action of the story is so tempered by the gentle, calm manner of narration, that the reader will not be stirred by the excitement, but will instead realize that he is looking on at something that is beautiful and true. It is one of the most pleasing stories of the season.

The Kinship of Nature. By Bliss Carman. 298 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

Among the thirty-two essays in this attractively bound collection are such titles as "At the Coming of Spring," "The Crime of Ugliness," "Fact and Fancy" and "The Ritual of Nature." All of them were written during the past seven years and though all are short, they are excellent examples of the poetical essay—for, whatever the subject, however prosy it may seem, the author has an individual style which is as unusual as his verse.

It is attractively bound and boxed, and would make a pleasing holiday gift if judiciously bestowed.

The Cathedrals of Northern France. By Francis Miltoun. 400 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.00.

The Cathedrals of Amiens, Rouen, Orleans, Reims, Tours, Paris and Chalons, as well as others, have been prominent in many scenes of history, civil as well as religious. A description of these cathedrals of Northern France will appeal to many, especially as the present work may be counted an authentic one. Architecturally the treatment is adequate, while from the historical and romantic standpoint, care has been obviously taken to make the work a permanent one.

There are really illustrations from original drawings, one of which we reproduce on this page through the courtesy of the publishers.

Hewers of Wood. By Wm. G. Puddfoot and I. O. Rankin. 352 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Puddfoot has a reputation as a powerful speech-maker, with a keen appreciation and grasp of humor, as well as of pathos. His abilities assure the great human interest in all he writes. But that is not all. One wishes that in this story of the Michigan pine forests he had been unrestrained by a collaborator, for as the scenes have been made familiar by many writers in the last few years, personality, and the method alone, could have brought this story to the place in time that it just merits.

The illustrations are technically and artistically well done.

The Shadow of Victory. By Myrtle Reed. 413 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.20.

The story is in the line of this book and her previous ones, such as "The Shadow of Old Lace" and "Love Letters of a Musician," show a versatility and versatility respected in the author.

The opening scene of life near an early Western trading post, which developed a rugged husband and a delicate woman, and the rapid growth of the romance, are treated with simplicity and dramatic concentration. The heroine is a well-defined character, thoroughly womanly, and the author could not fail to make her.

The "Romance of Fort Dearborn," as the subtitle describes it, is not only exciting, but is sweet, wholesome and inspiring at the same time.



NOTRE DAME DE PARIS.

From "Cathedrals of Northern France,"
L. C. Page & Co., Publishers.

Gee-Boy. By Cyrus Lauron Hooper. 270 pages, 10 mo. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.00.

This is described by the publishers as "being in the style of Kenneth Grahame's 'The Golden Age' and 'Dream Days.'"

This classification is not exact, as "Gee-Boy," from one standpoint, is more serious—certainly more psychological in nature.

It is an analysis of child-thoughts and motives rather than a mere poetical record of childish fancies.

One takes exception to a definite reason and "Gee-Boy" is hardly less noteworthy than the other books referred to.

Uther and Igraine. By Warwick Deeping. 385 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Outlook Co. Price \$1.50.

A clean-cut virile narrative of the British of a generation before King Arthur. "Uther and Igraine," readers of Fenimore will recall, were the father and

mother of Arthur. This is their romance and in delicate appreciation of the most sentiments the author is exceptionally capable, while the vigor, earnestness and dramatic vividness of his narration of the strenuous fighting and wild adventure, is also notable.

A clear idea of the spirit, life and custom of the period is conveyed. The several full page illustrations are excellent.

Gorgo. A Romance of Old Athens. By Charles K. Gaines, Ph. D. 507 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

That this is an exceptional story in its vigor and air of reality, few readers will deny. It is in the handling of such a subject so gracefully and vividly that the author deserves all the success in promise for his romance. For the fascinating "Gorgo" is a living being and the scenes of the story, thrilling and virile, seem depicted as though the reader were an eye witness of them all.

Socrates and Alcibiades, made real without loss of dignity, and Theramenes, the Athenian, who loves Gorgo, all participate in the stormy scenes of love, politics and war, that carry the romance to its graceful conclusion.

The Calendar of Omar Khayyam. Illustrated by Blanche McManus. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price 75 cents.

An elaborate setting is given in this book for various quatrains from Omar, chosen, as far as possible, to harmonize with the characteristics of each of the twelve months. The drawings and decorations are good. The book makes a unique and inexpensive gift for the season.

The Fairies' Circus. By Neville Cain. Large quarto. New York: R. H. Russell. Price \$1.25.

The astonishing news that even the fairies have a circus is made public and the show in part is pictured and described by the elves themselves, through the mediumship of Mr. Cain. This is a dainty, pleasing child's book, excellently illustrated, and well adapted for gift purposes.

A Puritan Witch. By Marvin Dana. 267 pages, 12 mo. New York: Smart Set Publishing Co. Price, \$1.25.

The possibilities latent in this theme of witchcraft in early New England have not been appreciated hitherto, apparently, in its romantic aspects. Mr. Dana has written a beautiful and romantic love story around some incidents that will seem incredible to many readers.

The necessary harshness of some of the realism is blended with artistic skill with the softer romance and sentiment, so that the reader will find a thrilling story and also a deep and tender tale. His interest will be held closely from the first paragraph.

A Daughter of the Rich. By M. E. Waller. 349 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price, \$1.50.

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of the growth of an unusual friendship. It will please girl readers especially.

The Year's Festivals. By Helen Philbrook Patten. 270 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Dana Estes & Co. Price, \$1.00.

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Lesley Chilton. By Eliza Orne White. 356 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

A love story like this contains many moments of suspense for the reader,

writes with some vividness and it is unlikely that any boy or girl who read the story will find it at all dull.

The Cardinal's Snuff Box. By Henry Harland. 205 pages, 12 mo. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.50.

The Cardinal himself is a good natured old man and his gentle method as a match-maker give the tone to the whole story. It is a beautiful romance, told with idyllic artfulness and all its scenes in strict harmony. There is not a discordant element in the whole romance.

But, indeed, it is unnecessary to say all this: the story was too popular on its first appearance to need more than the announcement that this is a new and superbly illustrated edition.

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an unusually long story, rather overburdened with plot. But it is interesting from start to finish a live and absorbing story.

In attempting to abridge such a story, the good and careful publisher and the editor of the review have been successful in presenting a volume of fine quality for such a delicate undertaking.

The illustrations of Will Cassel are of notable merit and add much to the interest of the text.

Builders of the Beautiful. By H. L. Faxon. 304 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnall's Co. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Piner is superintendent of the State Institution for the Blind at Austin, Texas. The truths presented in the work have resulted from his observations of humanity under varying conditions.



"The priest and Emilia, gathering in their skirts, made in after her."

From "The Cardinal's Snuff Box." John Lane, Publisher.

for the characters whom one usually would designate as "hero" and "heroine"—though here they are practical, every-day people—hold such decidedly antagonistic views on the question of woman's rights and privileges, that problematic situations naturally occur.

These views are entertainingly and enthusiastically discussed by the several characters and conclusions arrived at which, at least, serve to bring the romance to a satisfactory conclusion.

New Fortunes. By Mabel Earle. 268 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.25.

This is the story of "How Molly and Her Brothers Came to Boulder Gulch," as the sub-title states, and as Molly is a very vigorous and bright girl, she dominates the story to a large degree. But she is a heroine who worthily gains the admiration of the reader.

The incidents occur for the most part in a Western mining camp. The author

The Career Triumphant. By Henry B. Boone. 270 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a story of life in the South and, while it is not especially notable for its character studies, it has a few clever human touches that show clear and accurate observation on the author's part.

The dialogue, too, is lively and, though spoiled for realism, occasionally, by an epigrammatic tendency, it adds to the enjoyment of the story, which is simple but carries out a very definite purpose in a not at all indefinite way.

Tittlebat Titmouse (Ten Thousand a Year). By Dr. Samuel Warren. A new edition prepared and abridged by Cyrus Townsend Brady. 404 pages, 12 mo. Funk and Wagnall's Co. Price \$1.50.

The many very dull pages of this once popular novel, saved it from the all but deadly dullness of other pages. It

has earnest reflections make this a work of real inspiration, as it points out the different relations of the physical form and the spiritual nature. It is essentially a book pointing to ideal ways of living in an everyday, practical world.

Place and Power. By Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler. 381 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

There is something admirable in the sublime self-satisfaction of such a character as Clayton, in this realistic romance. He, himself, but arouses contempt, but as a study, he is of more than passing interest.

There are other characters portrayed with much skill. The plot is a vigorous one and of much originality, though the election struggles could hardly be described as "practical politics."

The volume is attractively designed and is well illustrated.

The Nature of Guilt. By George Herbert Palmer. 247 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.10.

A document with a title of ethical matters, usually not considered in so much detail, must be beneficial to every reader when presented in the thoughtful and readable manner that these essays are.

It may surprise many to find motives of goodness and virtue analyzed as to show unexpected incentives—some not entirely praiseworthy, save as one holds to "the ends justifying the means."

Half a Dozen Housekeepers. By Kate Douglas Wiggin. 162 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Co. Price 75 cents.

This first appeared, many years ago, as a short story in *St. Nicholas* magazine. It is a story about girls, for girls, and it made many happy for the writer—many who will find it very welcome in this clever, jolly story in its revised and improved form.

It is illustrated by Mills Thompson.

Colonel Carter's Christmas. By F. Hopkinson Smith. 159 pages, 12 mo. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Price, \$1.50.

Of the great popularity of this book something may be judged from the fact that 50,000 copies were printed before the book was even issued to the public.

It is, of course, a story of that "Colonel Carter of Cartersville," long ago so favorably introduced. This relates a dramatic little episode full of opportunities for exploiting the noble qualities of a lovable character.

The drawings in color by F. C. Yohn are well done and add greatly to the attractiveness of the volume. We reproduce one of them on this page by permission of the publishers.

The Middle Course. By Mrs. Poultney Bigelow. 317 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Smart Set Publishing Co. Price, \$1.50.

It is not a very pleasant theme that this story is founded on, yet the author treats the subject seriously and with appreciation of its delicacies.

A beautiful society woman, with a careless and caddish husband, a jealous woman maliciously gossiping, a much lionized sculptor and a few puppet figures serve to make a clever novel of real, if depressing, interest. The illustrations are of marked attractiveness, the dainty frontispiece being especially noticeable.

Weatherby's Inning. By Ralph H. Barbour. 249 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price, \$1.50.

This is an exciting tale of a boy's college life and of the growth of his character and personality.

Any boy who enjoys the out of door sports will find much to enjoy in the pages of this story, which is a wholesome and vigorous one.

The illustrations in color are very well suited to the bright and spirited text.

The Mills of Man. By Philip Payne. 176 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: Rand, McNally & Co. Price, \$1.50.

It is not unreasonable to suggest that, when the various other great political novels in plan view, this story will appear very notably prominent, for it is a political story that shows a grasp of the human side of life, as well as the picturesque and theatrical features.

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Randy and Pinc. By Amy Brooks. 261 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lee and Shepard. Price, 80 cents.

The different episodes in "Randy's" life have furnished much entertainment to young readers. The character of "Randy" is a beautiful and natural one and, as she grows toward womanhood, her many young friends learn to love her more.

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"Katy dropped her head on his shoulder again."

From "Colonel Carter's Christmas."

By F. Hopkinson Smith.

Chas. Scribner's Sons, Publishers.

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Helen Grant's School Days. By Amanda M. Douglas. 391 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lee and Shepard. Price, \$1.00.

Girls of fourteen and upwards will find this story of a girl's school life enjoyable and wholesome.

The author is one of America's most popular writers and her name on this volume will promise much for its readability.

Memoirs of Monsieur de Blowitz. 317 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$3.00.

M. de Blowitz was for many years well known as the Paris correspondent of the *London Times*. In the quarter of a century past his duties were as markedly those of a diplomat, as they were of a journalist and his wide experience brought him into close and often friendly intimacy with many of the sovereigns and political rulers of Europe.

His extraordinary exploits made him famous, but one admires him more when, in reading over these memoirs, they realize his knowledge of so much of the unpublished history of the Continent since the Franco-Prussian War.

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The illustrations are unique and of great interest.

Character. By Henry Vanuxem. 416 pages, 12 mo. New York: Hinds & Noble. Price \$1.50.

This is a moral text-book for the use of parents and teachers in training the young in the principles of conduct. It will also be useful in the efforts for self-culture that so many are earnestly making at the present day.

For the use of preachers and Sunday-school teachers, the work is likely to have a distinct value. Its reference value is exceptional and its index cites over 700 subjects.

The Crimson Fairy Book. Edited by Andrew Lang. 371 pages, 12 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price, \$1.60.

Each year, for a long time, Andrew Lang has published a collection of fairy stories unearthed by him in the folk-lore of various peoples and nations.

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American Myths and Legends. By Charles M. Skinner. 2 volumes, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$2.50.

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Robin Hood: His Book. By Eva March Lappan. 297 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

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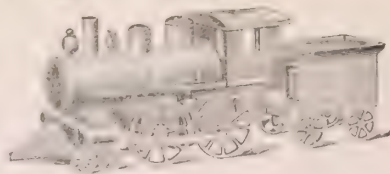
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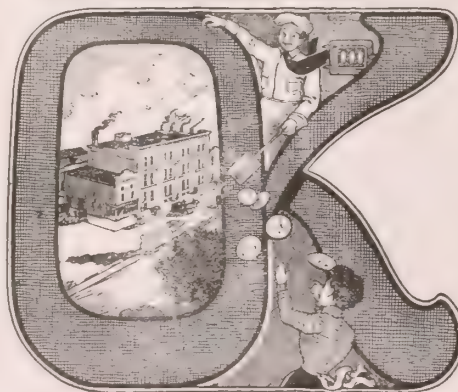
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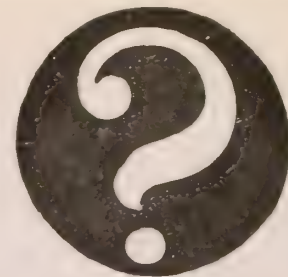
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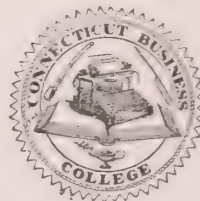
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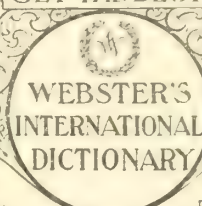
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THE SIN OF PROFANITY.

BY REV. GEORGE M. STONE, D. D.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."—Exodus xx, 7.

The first human uses of the divine name are hidden far back in the early history of the race. In the account of the posterity of Seth, it is recorded in the fourth chapter of Genesis that "then men began to call upon the name of the Lord." By this we are probably to understand that the first visible, formal worship of Jehovah in the world

was originated at this stage of the race history, and that it was of sufficient moment to get place in archives notable for their brevity and the vast time periods covered in a few verses. It is doubtful whether abuses of the great Name which men associated with the Supreme Being began early among them. It is more reasonable to suppose that its sacredness remained inviolate for a considerable period and that it came to be used in unworthy connections only as sin grew into bolder and more impious manifestations. When the children of Israel were emancipated from Egypt and their education made a matter of positive institution, the ten words of the law included a prohibition of vain uses of the name of God with an intimation of guilt and penalty attached to it. The dim but significant declaration is "The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Men have been living in the world built of divine bounty for their home; and in which they are sustained by God's universal care for these thousands of years, and yet no sign of his forgetfulness and dishonor is more painfully prevalent than the desecration of His high and venerable name. The sin of profanity we cannot doubt is a menace to every form of personal, social and national well-being. I wish to speak of it first, as to the revelation of character which it surely makes, and then as to the conditions in us which render it impossible by the substitution of just thoughts of God.

I. Let us note the import of the fact of profanity as a revelation of perverted human nature and its wide prevalence in a land nominally Christian—like our own. It pervades the nation like the breath of a moral plague. And yet it is rather a personal than a social sin. Very much of it indeed is the expression of what the person using it regards as his strongest aversion to others. This is especially true of the imprecation, which involves an evil wish. How few men dare to analyze the meaning of the words which pass with slight provocation from their lips! I have sometimes thought the enemy of souls, as if he would break down the benefi-

cent ministry of Christian prayer, had invented for man the practice of cursing his fellow-man! Cursing is a satanic counter-speech to work as the foil and serpent-like antagonist of prayer.

It implies first that the profane man has unsanctified himself. He has ruthlessly broken down the partition erected in his own nature between the sacred and the common. He has gone into the recesses of his own heart and plucked away its altar, as if he would extirpate all sanctity from thence. Then he has perverted the high function of speech. It was given him as the organ of reason, the medium of helpful communication with men and of praise to God. It is sometimes said by way of apology, that men use the name of God in connection with trivial matters in a thoughtless way. But speech is a deed in itself and becomes one of the chief exponents of character. This vice is not simply an open disclosure to others of irreverence. It furnishes a decisive count in our indictment as sinners. For this is a kind of gratuitous sin. It does not bring even a momentary gratification as do certain indulgences of sense. It is as if a man stepped out of his way to register himself as on the side of evil when with no possible advantage to himself or others he reaches up to the throne of God and drags down the highest name to put it in the most low and vulgar connections. God is a person closely related as Creator and Governor of the universe—to the swearer. Sometime there is to be a real meeting between the creature who thus uses the divine name and the Supreme Arbiter of all the worlds.

Consider for a moment the aggregations of profane speech in the life of one who has for years indulged in the habit of it. The rule of future judgment has been declared by Christ in the terms, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." But a swearer's life is an ever cumulative and terrible record of speech which corrupts his own spirit, is pervaded by inhumanity to his fellow men and would undeify God. And these words which are to condemn in the as-

lay down his life for his friends." Let every man beware how he takes this saving name upon his lips otherwise than in reverent gratitude, since there is no other name given under heaven and among men whereby he can be saved. When the eye films he must turn to this. In life's great extremities He is our helper, whose name is wonderful above all others. Men are mercifully withheld from the more common profane use of the name of Jesus Christ. And yet we hear it at times provoked by thoughtless lips who should invoke it in prayer. Let us who love and trust it, so manifest our profound regard for it that all men may fear to dishonor it and so may the name which is within us and upon us, become the One before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess.

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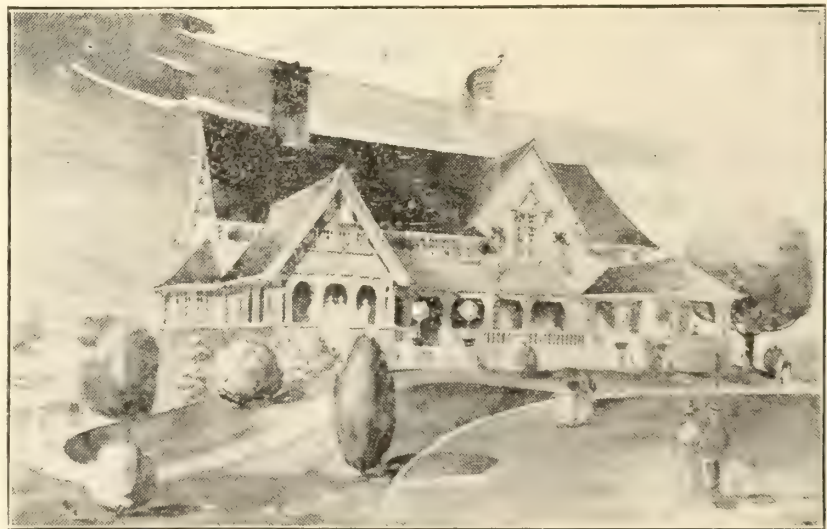
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can look and feel respectably clothed and can apply for work outside. Those who have the desire to live a better life, are helped to do so, and many have here found just what was needed, namely, the helping hand to better ways. Besides this great work some who have small jobs part of the time find here clean beds, wholesome food and a pleasant reading room, warm and comfortable, and good company, which keeps them from danger and gives them the opportunity to contract friendships

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Our annual Christmas entertainment was given on Monday evening, Dec. 28. This gathering is always a large one with us and this time our program, as usual, was full of attractive features. Aside from the songs and recitations by members of the school, there was singing by Miss Emma K. Dietrich, a former member of our Sunday-school, a dumb bell drill by girls, led by Miss Jennie I. Stinson, and a gymnastic exhibition by the members of the gymnasium classes under the direction of Mr. Edward B. Benedict and Mr. William P. Calder. Last, but not least,



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which elevate and refine. Many who come here at first downcast and sad, go from us bright, happy and glad, and from them come letters of thankfulness, telling that the good commenced has

Santa Claus appeared with his load of oranges and boxes of candy, which were distributed to members of the school.

The annual report of the Sunday-

school shows a membership of 206. During the past year, 121 names have been added and 129 dropped from our roll. Our offerings amounted to \$314.68, all of which is appropriated to purposes outside the parish.

It has been the custom to give, during January, certificates of membership to all who have belonged to the school for over one year, stating how many years the records credit to each. The longest term is now thirty-one years, a record made by an officer of the school, and the next is held by a teacher who came into the school as a pupil twenty-nine years ago. Sixty-eight members have been with us less than one year, 89 more than one and less than five years, and 49 over five years.

During the past year the home department has been dropped and in its place a class in the Sunday-school for adults was organized.

Another change has been the Sunday evening service. Formerly this service was especially for children, but the plan has been changed, so as to attract the adults of the neighborhood, in addition to the Sunday-school scholars and teachers. New singing books have been furnished and the singing is led by a cornet, with the piano.

The mothers' meetings are always interesting and each one has something special in it to distinguish it from all others.

Mr. C. T. Hall, a student at the seminary, has taken the leadership of the young men's class.

We are now planning for an evening journey with stereopticon views to be given some time in February.



SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Dr. M. H. Pogson, representing the Baptist Ministers' Home Society, preached both morning and evening. Our annual collection for the benefit of this society was taken on this Sunday and, owing to the storm, on the following Sunday also.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y., exchanged pulpits with Dr. Main and preached for us both morning and evening.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, the usual Christmas entertainment for the children of the Bible school, was given. It consisted of a cantata, entitled, "The Toys' Rebellion," and this was followed by the gift of a box of candy and the distribution of other gifts.

Two scholars from the Bible school have united with the church since last report.

On Sunday evening, our pastor concluded his series of sermons on Heroes and Heroines of the Bible, preaching about "Paul, the Greatest of the Apostles."

The annual meeting of the South Baptist society was held Monday even-

ing, Jan. 11, and all the officers were re-elected, except the society's committee. The following were elected to serve as the committee: Mr. H. B. Austin, Mr. Bruce H. Tolhurst, the third man to be elected later.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, the young men of the church gave an entertainment, consisting of readings, songs and instrumental music. A charge of ten cents was made and the proceeds were given to the Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters, to pay the expenses of an entertainment to be given by the circle later on. The attendance filled the chapel.

An Old Folks' concert is to be given on Jan. 27, the proceeds to be devoted to the current expenses of the church.

Our pastor gave us a rousing temperance sermon last Sunday evening on the following subject: "The Big Whiskey Sign—That's All Is It All?" He also is about to begin a series of evening sermons on the life of Christ, each sermon to be illustrated at the close by stereopticon views.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Mr. Peckham, of Yantic, Ct., has been with us during the past two weeks, conducting special services. We have had some conversions and we trust that more will follow. Our C. E. Society meetings have been unusually interesting of late and the attendance at our Sunday-school has been larger than usual.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Special evangelistic services were held during the first week in January, conducted by the Rev. Raymond Maplesden. On Sunday, Jan. 10, a meeting of the Sunday-school officers and teachers was held in the church parlor at 10 a. m., preparatory to a special evangelistic service of the school at the noon hour. The scholars were seemingly much impressed and many announced their decision to live Christian lives.

A Mission Study Class has been formed by the Endeavor society, under the leadership of Mr. Middlemas, a student at the Theological Seminary.

On Friday evening, Jan. 15, the C. E. Society gave a social in the church parlor, which was participated in by a goodly number of young people, as well as a fine bull-dog with an open countenance, that insisted on being an "associate member," at least during the social.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

A Christmas cantata, written by Mrs. Arlan Francis, was given by the children on Dec. 23. Instead of candy, the Sunday-school engaged a story teller, Miss Bryant, of Boston, to entertain the children. Her stories were very pleasing. Two kind friends of the school contributed bags of candy to the entire school. Another friend has given the church receivers, to be placed in each seat, for the individual communion cups.

The Sunday-school has pledged \$25 to the Sunday-school Association.

The Ladies' Aid Society is having the dining room papered and painted. Mr. Geo. Steele gave the paper for the ceil-

ing and side walls.

The Sunday-school Union is to meet with us Tuesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 26.

The C. E. Society hold their meetings now from 7 to 7.30 p. m., in the parlors, only members attending. At 7.30, Rev. Mr. Macy holds a meeting in the chapel.

The annual Church day was held on Dec. 31. Mr. Joseph Camp was elected deacon in place of Deacon Latimer, resigned. Mr. Camp has not decided whether he will accept or not.

Death has claimed two members, Mrs. Frances Kellogg and Mr. Thomas Atwood.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At the Sunday morning service, Jan. 17, Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, field secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, spoke of the work of that society. In the afternoon, Mr. Puddefoot spoke at the regular monthly vesper service for the young people of the Sunday-school. Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" was rendered by the Windsor Avenue Choral Club, assisted by Mrs. L. P. Brown, soprano.

The annual church meeting was held last Thursday evening. Unusually good reports of the work in various departments of the church were given and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Friday evening, the annual reunion of the church was held. Many members of the church both past and present were with us and many communications from members were received. The pastor gave his annual report, remarks were made by P. P. Bennett, a former member of the church. The choir gave several musical selections, following which was a reception and social time in the parlors, refreshments being served. This part of the program was in charge of the deacons and their wives.

The Windsor Avenue Choral Club gave a concert on the evening of Jan. 6. The club was assisted by the choir of the church and Miss Georgia, elocutionist.

The attendance in the Sunday-school last Sunday was 302.

The pastor's classes for the winter have been organized.

Several new members were received into the Christian Endeavor Society at the last consecration meeting.

MORGAN STREET CHAPEL.

The Christmas season was marked by a series of festivities, nearly every department having its own celebration. That of the mothers' meeting was of special interest, as it was the first one that had been held in that organization. There was a large attendance and the violin music by Mr. Francis, recitations by Miss Spencer, and singing by Miss Williams were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served and presents distributed, to the manifest satisfaction of all concerned.

The Sunday-school had a particularly happy celebration on Christmas day, the good order and absence of confusion forming a conspicuous part of the enjoyment. About 150 children partook of ice cream and cake, and received the presents which had been generously provided for them by in-

terested friends. These were distributed with the greater satisfaction because of the increased regularity in attendance during the past year on the part of the majority of the school.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, a Christmas program was given by the members of the school and a most helpful and interesting address by Rev. Elliott F. Talmadge.

The Loyalty Club had a pleasing entertainment, with a large number of invited guests to share their pleasure. The Ideal Mandolin Club furnished music, the girls of the Loyalty Club sang Christmas hymns, and addresses were delivered by Col. C. E. Thompson and Mr. H. J. Gillette. This club is in a flourishing condition and is most beneficial in its results.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The new Year Book of the parish is just come from the press. It is one of the largest ever issued. The cover bears a half-tone picture of the outside of the church, showing the recent improvements in the edifice. Within is a new half-tone of the interior of the church, giving a very good idea of the chancel, with its carvings, stained glass and fine paintings. The statistics of the parish, the rector's letter reviewing the events and the work of the year, and the reports of the various organizations follow. The institutions of the parish include a sewing school, mothers' meeting, two girls' clubs, a boys' club, a young men's club, Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the usual sewing society and missionary auxiliary. The general results of the year have been most encouraging in all departments.

A new calendar for the members of the Sunday-school has just been gotten out by the officers and teachers of the school. It is embellished by a handsome half-tone of the young Christ in the Temple, and shows the weekly lessons for the four main departments of the school for a year in advance. A copy is given to each member of the Sunday-school.

We are looking forward to a busy Lent at Christ church. All the Episcopal parishes in the city are to unite with us on Thursday evenings for a series of united Lenten services. The sermons at these services will be delivered by some of the best known preachers in the country. The music will be furnished by the combined choirs of Christ church and Trinity church. We shall be glad to welcome all our fellow Christians at these gatherings. Due notice will be given in the papers of the hour and the sermons.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting of the church and Sunday-school was held last Thursday evening in the church parlors, Deacon Charles R. Burt, chairman, and Francis N. Allen, clerk.

All the officers of church and Sunday-school were re-elected with a few exceptions. Mrs. Francis N. Allen declined re-election as superintendent of infant dept., as did Miss Rowell the asst. superintendent. Mrs. Geo. H. Stoughton was elected in place of Mrs. Allen and Miss Rowell as assistant, notwithstanding her desire to be relieved.

Mrs. W. H. Stevens, who has been the superintendent of the Chinese dept. for the past two years, resigned and Mrs. Harriet E. Miller was elected in her place.

Mr. Raymond Jacobs was elected librarian of the infant dept.

Reports were received from the several branches of church work. Deacon Mather gave report as treasurer of church, Geo. H. Stoughton as treasurer of collections, David Calhoun for the Sunday-school, Wellington E. Bull as secretary and William B. Bassett as treasurer of the Sunday-school presented reports.

Mrs. W. P. Williams gave reports of the home dept. and cradle roll, Mrs. F. N. Allen of the Missionary Board. Arthur L. Shipman gave the church history; Mrs. F. H. Whittlesey reported for the Ladies' Home Missionary Society and Miss Grace D. Thayer for the Christian Endeavor Society.

All reports were thoroughly enjoyable.

Rev. W. DeLoss Love is ill at his residence on Laurel street, and Rev. Mr. McKenzie occupied the pulpit last Sunday. It was learned that Mr. Love is improving and will soon be out again.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society is planning a cake and candy sale for February.

The Junior League gave a very enjoyable social Friday evening, Jan. 15.

The choir of the church will render a musical program Sunday evening, Jan. 31, at 6.30 p. m., in church parlors.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

The mission wishes to thank all those who have assisted the past month in Sunday and Thursday night meetings.

The annual election of officers is set for Jan. 26, and all members and friends are requested to be present.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give a supper Jan. 29, from 6 to 8 p. m.

Jan. 1 and 2 the annual Christmas entertainments were given, consisting of drills, recitations, songs and music by an orchestra, and visit by Santa, all taking part doing nicely.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, there were 167 in attendance and new ones coming in every Sunday.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

This month has been full of varied experiences with us. Two more of our older members have been taken by death. Dec. 13, Mrs. Alma H. White died at the age of nearly 92 years, and Jan. 13, Mr. Miles Clark, of Blue Hills avenue, died at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Clark was one of the deacons and one of the most esteemed members of our church. Our loss is very great, too great for a stranger to comprehend.

A loss of a different kind came to our pastor's family Dec. 23, when they gave their eldest daughter, Miss Gertrude, in return for a full grown son. The ceremony was quietly performed at home, the father and grandfather of the bride officiating. The happy couple will reside near Russell, Mass.

The Sunday-school had a pleasant time New Year's Eve, when they held their belated Christmas entertainment.

The little ones did most of the entertaining and were made happy with presents.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

Christmas exercises were held at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. After the exercises, the members of the Sunday-school assembled in the school room, where oranges and candy were distributed and a social time was enjoyed.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a 15-cent tea Friday evening, Jan. 8.

Monday evening, Jan. 11, about twenty-five of the young people, with their pastor, met in the church parlor to form a club for the interests of the church. Miss Lena Mexcur was elected president. Games and music were enjoyed during the evening. The club will meet once in two weeks.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The election of officers of the Sunday-school was held on the last Sunday in December.

There has been much talk of starting a mission study class and great interest has been aroused by those who are working hard to obtain a competent leader for the class. A student at the theological seminary, well versed in missionary topics, will be able to devote his interest and energy to conducting such a class in the near future.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 27, a Christmas musical service was rendered under the direction of J. Vincent Freeman. Rev. J. B. Connell delivered a discourse upon the "Choicest Gifts." The service was well attended and appreciated.

Rev. Harold Pattison conducted the services of the Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday evening, Jan. 3.

NORTH METHODIST.

The entertainment of the Sunday-school New Year's week was well attended and all had a good time.

The Standard Bearers held their annual meeting last week and the mite boxes were opened, showing a good collection for missions.

The class meeting, under the care of Captain John M. Parker, held a very interesting meeting last week.

The Willing Workers' Society is arranging for an entertainment soon.

Rev. A. A. Lathbury, of Middletown, spoke at the prayer meeting Thursday, Jan. 14.

An organ recital by Miss Elsie J. Dresser will be given Friday, Jan. 29, with Mrs. M. L. Roulston and Miss Ruth W. Wood assisting.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Mr. R. P. Chapman intends soon to resume his work as teacher of the Howard Bible Class, which, through the past year, has been taught by Mr. W. D. Johnson.

On February 8, a series of special services will begin, which will be preceded by a week of prayer. A number of home meetings will be held and at least one in the Suffield street chapel.

Church day was observed Tuesday, Jan. 12, and the annual roll-call followed the supper provided in the par-

lors. The attendance was large and the interest was undoubted. An excellent concert in the evening, arranged by Miss Miner and Mr. Shumway, was a special feature of the occasion.

The Rev. Cephas B. Crane preached for us on the morning of Jan. 3.

Efforts are being made to provide the pastor with an assistant, which he has not had since Miss Smith left us.

A new series for 1904, of Scripture selections for the family altar, are now appearing on the weekly calendar.

FIRST METHODIST.

On Sunday, Jan. 3, we as a church had the pleasure of having the Rev. C. H. Yatman to preach for us. Several years ago he conducted for three weeks special services at the church, when much good came from his work.

Jan. 4, the annual meeting of the Sunday-school Board was held. No change of officers was made for the coming year.

The week of prayer was observed by special meetings. Dr. McCormick gave a series of talks, which were very helpful.

Rev. W. A. Richard occupied the pulpit Jan. 17.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday-school were held Dec. 28. In the afternoon the primary department met and enjoyed a Christmas party. In the evening the other departments met and enjoyed a program given by representatives of the various classes.

On Dec. 30, the Epworth League presented the religious cantata, "King Herod." The parts were well taken and the large audience was very appreciative.

Eleven persons have recently been received into the church upon confession of faith.

Rev. W. W. Ranney is announced as the preacher for Sunday morning, Jan. 24, in exchange with the pastor.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our annual church meeting was held Wednesday, Jan. 13. The business session was at 5 p. m., supper at 6.30 and the evening was taken up by reports from the pastor and various branches of the church work and a short address by Prof. Beardslee. The prudential committee consists of the pastor, deacons, F. N. Taylor, William Shaw and Prof. Beardslee.

Our pastor's Sunday evening lectures for four Sunday evenings in January have for their subject, "Life Messages From Christ." Sunday evening, Jan. 10, the subject was "His message to Nicodemus."

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The Men's Class, conducted under the auspices of the Young People's Federation, has arranged for a series of Sunday talks at the close of the morning service to which all men are invited. The speakers and their subjects are:

January 10, Alfred T. Richards, "The Afterglow of a Great Man's Life."

January 17, Arthur Perkins, Esq., "The Development of Liquor Legislation in Connecticut."

January 24, Charles B. Whiting, "The Value of Human Life."

January 31, Prof. Charles C. Stearns, "Church Architecture and Our Own Structure."

February 7, Prof. Edwin Knox Mitchell, "Some Perversions of Christianity in the Second Century."

February 14, Olcott B. Colton, "Hartford's East Side Foreign Population."

February 21, Alfred M. Hitchcock, "A Unique Library."

February 28, Prof. Alexander R. Merriam, "Some Traits and Treatment of the Modern Jew."

March 6, L. B. Cochran, M. D., "Hereditry."

March 13, Philip C. Walcott, "Eliot, the Apostle of the Indians."

March 20, John H. Buck, Esq., "Jonathan Trumbull, the 'War Governor.'"

March 27, Charles E. Gross, Esq., (subject to be announced later).

The sessions, which are held in the body of the church, are limited to 40 minutes. Each speaker gives, at the close of his talk, an opportunity for questions and discussion. No one is called upon, personally, for remarks.

Two of these talks, those by Mr. Richards and Mr. Perkins, have already been given and were of marked interest.

The committee is composed of R. Eston Phyfe, Bayard Q. Morgan and James S. Taintor.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 28. It will be preceded by a supper, followed by a few short speeches. Later in the evening the reports will be presented.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 21, in place of the regular prayer meeting, the annual reports of the officers of the Sunday-school were given.

On Friday evening, Jan. 22, a Pit Social and supper was held. It was largely attended and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Sunday-school Christmas entertainment and supper was held at the memorial house Dec. 28. The usual turkey supper was provided for the school and members of the choir. The entertainment was held in the hall and carols were sung. A little play was given entitled "Among the Pines." After the entertainment the Christmas tree followed and every scholar received a present. The rector was also remembered with four volumes of Fiske's Histories.

The January meeting of the Men's League, Jan. 21, will be addressed by Mr. R. Eston Phyfe, vice principal Hartford high school. His subject will be, "Some Facts in the History of the English-Speaking People."

There will be a concert given Feb. 11 under the auspices of the league, in the Colt memorial hall, by the Mendelssohn Male Quartet, assisted by Miss Kate Ellis in original monologues.

A fund for a new organ has been started and a collection taken. A circular letter has been sent to members explaining the need of a new instrument. The present organ has been in service for more than thirty years. It is hoped to raise the necessary amount, not over \$5,000, in a short time, if all will contribute.

At the afternoon service, Sunday,

Jan. 17, three beautiful memorial windows were unveiled and dedicated. They were in loving remembrance of Mr. Richard Jarvis, John Samuel Jarvis and Commodore Caldwell Hart Colt, brothers and son of Mrs. Elizabeth Colt, who had these beautiful windows placed in the church.

A bowling tournament has just been completed at the parish house among the members of the Men's League. Prizes for three best averages will be awarded at the January meeting of the league. A billiard tournament is now in progress.

The *Parish of the Good Shepherd* has just been issued and contains a great deal of information in regard to the church work and the societies' life at the parish house.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday-school was given Monday evening, Dec. 28. A miscellaneous program by the children preceded the distribution of gifts from the tree. This program was very creditably rendered, when we recall the stormy weather before Christmas, which made it almost impossible to get the children together for rehearsal. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by the school of a handsome and comfortable house jacket to the secretary of the Sabbath-school, Deacon H. C. Cadwell. He has served the school faithfully for a number of years. The Yoke Fellows class gave him also a pair of gloves.

The church was decorated for Christmas with longleaved pines, smilax, magnolia leaves, moss, palm leaves and holly sent from Atlanta, Ga. All who have seen it are agreed that we never had more pleasing decorations, and they have proved satisfactory for several Sundays. The Christmas music, under Mr. Bradley's direction, was quite thoroughly enjoyed, though not by a large congregation, as the weather was not propitious for country folk, who have considerable distances to travel.

The annual church meeting occurred Friday, Jan. 1. About seventy-five enjoyed the supper. Reports were read by various officers of the church and Sunday-school and new officers elected for the ensuing year. These were the former incumbents in every instance but one. Mr. Miller, who has been superintendent of the Sunday-school twelve years, suggested that it was quite time some other person was elected to that office, but his proposition was most emphatically vetoed. In the matter of benevolences the showing was about the average. The clerk made a strong plea for more thoughtfulness in the matter of giving. The net gain in membership for the year was eleven; fourteen received, nine on profession and five by letter, while two have been dismissed and one has died. There are 151 names on the church roll at the beginning of the year 1904. At the roll call, fifty-six persons were present, responses were received from fifty-nine and thirty-six failed to account for themselves in any way, though letters were received from three of these a day or two later.

Rev. Joel S. Ives will preach Sunday, Jan. 24.

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BRETHREN.

In modern church life it seems to be out of fashion for fellow Christians to address each other as "brother" or "sister," yet it was not many years ago a very common thing and back in New Testament times, it was a frequent form of address. The word probably has not lost its value—brothers and sisters in the flesh still have reciprocal feelings of love and sympathy, the willingness to share burdens and joys—but evidently it is not so freely used among "brothers" and "sisters" in the spirit. And, what is more, the feeling of mutual love and sympathy is not so universal among the members of any particular church, as formerly. In our city churches the lack of the brotherly spirit is more noticeable and the reason therefor more evident. The various families making up a congregation come from different localities and perhaps are never in touch outside

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of their church. Social distinctions outside the church are bound to have their effect within, and seldom are the gulfs between riches and poverty, culture and ignorance, pride and humility, effectually bridged over by a spontaneous and genuine spirit of brotherly love.

Yet Christian fellowship must be democratic, or it loses much of its value. We do not choose our brethren in the family relation, nor do we in the church. They may not all be congenial, yet if we pick out to love only those who are personally attractive to us, and have real fellowship with them, only, leaving out the others, we destroy the fellowship which should be universal in every church. Christ made no social distinctions in his intercourse with men and from a Christian standpoint we have no right to.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

The Rev. Mr. Potter, of the Center church, recently sent the following letter to the pastors of Hartford:

"At a meeting of the Federation of Churches, held October 30, it was voted that the matter of the establishment of a hospital Sunday in the city be left with power to the executive committee of the council, in co-operation with the hospital authorities. At a meeting of the committee, held December 21, it was voted that in view of the needs of the Hartford hospital and of the request of its executive committee for assistance from the churches as such, it be recommended to the churches that the last Sunday in January be recognized as a hospital Sunday, and that collections be received on that day for the hospital, and its needs be made known to the congregations. This recommendation is forwarded in the hope that the churches will plan for such action.

R. H. POTTER,
Secretary of Council."

The church people of Hartford should respond liberally to the opportunity to assist our hospital. It is certainly pre-eminent among Christian duties to relieve the sick and we can all do the work of the Great Physician by means of our contributions.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.

In view of recent war rumors the reports of our military attaches at foreign capitals on the strength of the world's great military powers are receiving more than usual attention. The comparison of the strength of Russia and Japan is especially interesting. Russia's military budget for 1903 includes estimates amounting to \$160,000,000, which is an increase of about

\$3,600,000 over that of last year. The peace strength of the army is at present 1,076,458 enlisted men and 38,412 officers. In case of war this force would be increased several times. In speaking of our army maneuvers a Russian here recently boasted that there were more officers in the Russian army than enlisted men in the United States. Japan's budget for the fiscal year called for an expenditure of \$23,000,000. Her army consists of 135,533 enlisted men and 8,116 officers. These figures give an idea of the great odds against Japan in a conflict with Russia. Germany's strength in time of peace is 576,579 enlisted men and 24,358 officers and France's active army is composed of 528,992 enlisted men and 28,712 officers. These armies would be more than doubled by the reserves in time of war. Great Britain has, exclusive of India, 201,965 enlisted men and 8,085 officers in the regular army. Mexico, the only independent nation on our borders, has 25,931 enlisted men and 3,310 officers. This is a larger army than we had previous to the Spanish War.

All of which proves that the swords are not all yet beaten into plowshares. What gigantic loads the people of the earth carry in maintaining their armies and navies and the stupendous cost of their wars. What toll of sweat and blood and tears they pay. How far away seems that era of universal peace which men have hoped and prayed for since the advent of the Prince of Peace.

Arbitration appears to be the order of the day, and may prove to be the solution of the Colombia-Panama problem. The feeling is rising that Colombia has been rather unkindly treated, and Senator Bacon has caused more than a ripple of excitement in the Senate by offering a resolution proposing arbitration of Colombia's claims on account of the revolution in Panama. A lively debate followed the proposition and Senator Hale of Maine practically agreed with Mr. Bacon. There is an unwillingness on the part of many Senators to interfere with Executive action.

Senator Cullom has introduced a bill the object of which is to secure national arbitration of great disputes between capital and labor. Publicity is the keynote of the bill. He would have a tribunal appointed by the President, each member to receive a large salary.

Governor Taft has reached an agreement with the friars of the Philippines whereby the United States is to purchase all their lands for \$7,250,000. The Governor originally offered six million and the friars demanded fifteen. The

present agreement has the sanction of the Pope. The "land question" has been the source of endless trouble between the church and natives, and the latter will rejoice that our government has finally settled it. The question now seems to be who gets the \$7,250,000.

A bit of neighborly work being done by the King's Daughters at Glenwood Congregational church, would be appreciated by many of the mothers in other churches. We refer to the care of their children during a down town trip. Relief work which many a mother would appreciate.

There was too much of the O-be-joyful spirit in Hartford during the holidays, as was evidenced by the large number of "drunks" on our streets. These are getting to be a common sight at any time—more common than for many years past, according to many observers.

The tramp problem is again receiving some needed attention and it is hoped that some definite action may be taken in the right direction. Apropos, we call attention to the successful system in operation at Chicago, which was the subject of an illustrated article in this paper several months ago.

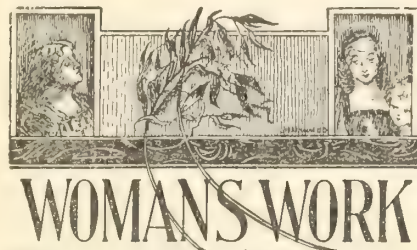
The Hillyer Institute of the Hartford Y. M. C. A. offers in its night classes a chance for self improvement which cannot fail to be of marked and lifelong benefit to any young man. The best teachers are engaged, the choice of studies or handicrafts is wide and the tuition is remarkably low. Many Hillyer graduates are to-day receiving substantial rewards, by way of increased salaries, for the evenings spent in class work and study at the Y. M. C. A.

THE NATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE.

Our Washington correspondent sends the following interesting, though somewhat personal, account of the recent gathering in that city of the Arbitration Conference:

"A more notable line of world known prominent men has seldom been seen by any audience than the one which sat upon the stage of the Lafayette Opera House on the 12th inst., when the great mass meeting of the Conference was in session. The great authority on international law, John W. Foster, presided, with hair and whiskers as white as the new-fallen snow, and blushing at the compliments heaped upon him. At his right was Cardinal Gibbons, wearing a scarlet skull-cap, and looking quite delicate; next to him was the Jewish Rabbi,

Dr. Silverman from New York, a tall, well-groomed man, incisive and cultivated; by his side sat the vigorous and eloquent Southern lawyer, Hon. J. M. Dickinson, in the prime of life and looking too young to have carried a rifle in the Civil War. At the left of the chairman sat Dr. Edward E. Hale, Chaplain of the Senate, as rugged, and shaggy as to hair and whiskers as a lion. Then came Andrew Carnegie, pale and bald-headed, but with a keen look in his dark eyes, and full of life. Last in the row was Gen. Miles, the gigantic, well-preserved, fighting man, who has seen as many battles as any one living. Each of these men, as they arose to speak, was greeted with abundant applause. The speeches were all in favor of putting an end to war by means of international arbitration, and especially advocated a treaty of arbitration between America and England. The resolutions adopted were presented to Congress and the President.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Hartford Union celebrated, on Dec. 22, the thirtieth anniversary of the woman's temperance crusade, which began in Hillsboro, Ohio, Dec. 23, 1873, which resulted in the formation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which has a membership of between three and four hundred thousand, extending over nearly all the civilized world.

The meeting was opened by singing the Crusader's hymn, which was followed by the Rev. H. M. Thompson leading in the devotional service, by reading the 146th Psalm, called the Crusader's Psalm.

Mrs. Forbes, the state and local president, gave a very interesting talk, giving an account of her visit to Hillsboro during the time of the National Convention at Cincinnati, to which she went as delegate from Connecticut.

Rev. Mr. Thompson made remarks about the progress which had been made in the temperance cause during the last fifty years.

Dr. E. B. Hooker spoke on Jan. 12, on "The Harm and Danger of Patent Medicines." It was a very interesting and instructive address.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Our Christmas gathering and reunion of former members of our family was greatly enjoyed, a number coming from out of town. A nice dinner was served and in the evening we had our entertainment of readings and music, then the distribution of gifts from our beautiful Christmas tree. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served later in the evening. We had a company of sixty in all.

Our family has been large, many needy ones coming to us for help. The women are kept busy with housework and sewing. Clothing has been repaired for the bureau and aprons and mittens have been made.

Our religious services are very helpful, many expressing a desire to serve Christ in them. The work of the bureau grows and many people have been made comfortable with the warm clothing they have been able to get at a very low price.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

The Shannon Drug Store, now under the management of E. G. Lathrop and Co., has long been a popular place for filling prescriptions. Only skilled prescription clerks are employed and mistakes in this important department are never made. The store, in addition, always carries an excellent line of toilet articles and the usual line of patent medicines. It also manufactures several proprietary articles of its own.

Visitors to some institutions do well to ask questions cautiously. *Tit-Bits* tells of some visitors that were escorted through a country jail by the chief warder. They came in time to a room where three women were sewing.

"Dear me," one of the visitors whispered, "what vicious-looking creatures! Pray, what are they here for?"

"Because they have no other home. This is our sitting-room, and they are my wife and two daughters," blandly responded the chief warder.

The sewing machine which bears the honored name and has the splendid reputation of the "New Home," is a thing of beauty and a joy forever to the housewife. It can be seen in the Sewing Machine Department at Brown, Thomson & Co's. and can be bought at a reasonable price.

In the center of our life stands the single Fountain, out of which all sin and all uncleanness are to drink for healing. Every step that is not towards the fountain is towards the desert.—

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE
CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting of the church was held the first Thursday of this month. The old officers were nearly all re-elected. The officers of the Sunday-school were re-elected, with Mr. Murray as assistant superintendent. The reports all showed a good progress and much good work done through the year.

Two classes were promoted from the primary room to the upper room this month and one class is to be divided. Our school is greatly in need of more teachers.

At the teachers' meeting a number of changes and improvements were suggested and will be carried out as soon as practicable.

We have four scholars who have been present every Sunday the past year.

Superintendent Riga has not been able to attend to his duties at school on account of sickness in his family.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The *Parish Record* was issued in December and an appeal made for funds to continue its publication.

The Knights of Temperance continue to hold their meetings. The membership is not large, but it has a helpful influence on the boys who attend, its principles being those of purity, reverence and obedience.

The Girls' Friendly Society holds its meetings regularly and is a very helpful church auxiliary. This society was the first of its kind to be organized in this State.

UNITY CHURCH.

The December social was held on the evening of the 10th. A social evening was spent and various persons were called on informally to entertain. Helen Lester danced the Highland fling and responded to a recall. Mr. Risley gave a monologue and was called back to give another. Miss Ellis also recited a monologue.

On Dec. 13, Rev. Mr. Waite gave an interesting discourse on Herbert Spencer. On the 20th, he preached on "Spencer's Ideas as to Religion and Morals." The first sermon was reported in full in the *Hartford Times*.

The Christmas entertainment was held on the evening of Dec. 23. The parlors were handsomely decorated with red and green. The program consisted of recitations and singing by Miss Lanphear's class, including a representation of "The Night Before Xmas," and a dialogue by members of Miss Pausch's class. The children then adjourned to the parlor, where there was a beautifully lighted and decorated tree, and the presents were distributed. Then boxes of candy were given out. This was followed by a social hour and ice cream was served.

The Christmas services were held on the 27th. Mr. Waite took for his subject, "The Poetry Surrounding the Birth of Christ." In the Sunday-school, a printed program, arranged by the superintendent, Mr. Mather, was used.

On the evening of Dec. 31, the annual reception was given by Rev. Mr. Waite. He was assisted in receiving by

his daughter, Miss Mary V. Waite, and by members of the Hospitality Committee. Music was furnished by Emmons' orchestra and members of the choir, Miss Kline and Miss Aab, who sang selections. Refreshments were served.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Boys' Brigade, which was formerly connected with the Prospect Avenue Sunday school, has been re-organized and is now under the care and direction of our church. The advisory committee of the church, after consulting with Mr. F. B. Hill, the former commandant of the company, and the officers of the Prospect Avenue Sunday-school, decided that since most of the members were West Hartford boys, there was no good reason why we should not consider this an opportunity to do some good work among the boys. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 o'clock.

The Junior Auxiliary Missionary Society met at the church Friday afternoon, Nov. 27, and packed a barrel of clothing, valued at \$90, for the Cuban Home Training School, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The society is now working for a needy family in town.

At a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society held on Sunday evening, Dec. 6, officers and committees for the ensuing year were elected.

The Men's Union Legislature met at the chapel, Friday evening, Dec. 18. Among the bills up for consideration were those relating to beautifying the park, fees of civil officers and Sabbath observance.

The Christmas service was held on Sunday morning, Dec. 20, with special music. An interesting memorial service for the late Henry Clay Trumbull was planned for that evening, but had to be given up on account of the severe storm.

The annual meeting of the church was held on Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 31, Rev. T. M. Hodgdon presiding. The reports of heads of departments contained much of interest and were duly accepted. Officers for the ensuing year were then elected. A social time was enjoyed from 5.30 to 7.30, after which the service was continued.

The week of prayer was observed in this church the past week, meetings being held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and Wednesday afternoon.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Young People's Society had its annual meeting for choosing a committee of three to select the officers for another year, after the regular meeting, Dec. 13, to be voted upon the following Sunday.

Dr. Cowee, our president, has been very fortunate in securing excellent leaders for the past year's meetings.

Christmas week, Mrs. Parker had the usual entertainment and gifts for the infant department, which was greatly enjoyed by them.

Dec. 18, the young people had a sociable, which was well attended and the evening passed very pleasantly.

Dr. Parker and his wife gave their annual reception Jan. 12. He now enters upon his forty-fifth year as our

beloved pastor.

The exercises were held in the body of the church. Mr. H. C. Dwight made the opening speech and then introduced Rev. J. T. Huntington and Rev. J. H. Twichell.

These were responded to with tender feeling by Dr. Parker. There was music in the chapel by Mr. Emmons and the ladies served refreshments. It was one of the pleasantest gatherings we have ever had and it is the wish of all that we may have many more.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Our services are all well attended and much interest in various departments of work is manifested.

The Men's Club now has a membership of fifty-five. They have organized a glee club and are otherwise flourishing.

The Girls' Friendly Society have started a singing school. All girls and young ladies in our neighborhood are invited to join.

The Missionary Society extends a general invitation to all to their Thursday receptions. Pleasant times are held around their "fire upon the hearth."

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Glenwood's Christmas concert was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 23. There was a large attendance and the unanimous verdict was that this was the best Christmas concert up to date.

A special Christmas service was held at the church Sunday, Dec. 27, at 5 p. m. A chorus choir rendered several selections, including "The Hallelujah Chorus," from "The Messiah," and the timely and forceful address by the pastor was enjoyed by all.

Thursday evening, Dec. 31, was roll-call night. This occasion, always one of much interest, was especially so this year, owing to the large attendance and the prompt responses, as each member's name was called. Nearly all those obliged to be absent sent messages of comfort and good cheer, which were read when their names were called. This enjoyable service closed with the joining of hands and singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The week of prayer was observed in this church in the true spirit in which the observance was intended. The meetings were well attended and there was no lack of zeal and earnestness.

Sunday, Jan. 17, the Rev. William Puddifoot spoke to a large audience on home missions. Any one who has been wont to regard that subject as hopelessly dry has only to hear Mr. Puddifoot to have that opinion exposed as fallacious. Mr. Puddifoot spoke with a warmth and vigor that compelled the attention and interest of his hearers.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, a supper will be given at the church under the auspices of the Glenwood trustees. Admission, 25 cents. Children, 10 cents.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Glenwood society of King's Daughters. Less than a year old and small in numbers, it has accomplished an amount of work which would have done great credit to an older and larger organization. Its methods of working are quiet and unostentatious, yet none the less forceful for that reason. When

the members see a thing that needs to be done about the church, that is the thing they attend to. Now it may be the payment of a printer's bill, and again the providing of new curtains and newly lacquered rods, or perhaps the packing of a barrel for home missionary fields. Then, too, many of the young ladies have organized themselves into relief committees, to take care of babies or young children, so that the mothers could have opportunity to go down street. All the work of this society is practical and sensible and it deserves all thanks and should have every possible encouragement.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

At the annual meeting of the church ninety-eight persons were at the dinner. Miss Mary L. Williams read the exceedingly interesting and well written history of the past year. Mr. E. C. Geer, treasurer, followed with an earnest and eloquent address, which should not be forgotten. Mr. James Johnston, Jr., president of the Christian Endeavor Society, spoke for the young people of the church. At the business meeting, the old officers were re-elected, with two or three minor changes.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNair united with the church Jan. 10 by letter, and their son-in-law, Mr. Claude A. Porter, on confession of faith.

Jan. 3 less than forty were able to get to church on account of the storm, so communion service was postponed one week.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Our Sunday-school held its Christmas social Tuesday evening, Jan. 5. The presents were neatly tied up and suspended from a clothes-line with clothes-pins. Mrs. Segur was the washwoman who took down the "washing." Ice cream, cake and chocolate were served.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Keeler, spent the holiday vacation visiting in Pennsylvania.

Sunday morning, Jan. 3, no church service was held, owing to the severe snow storm, but Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Congregational church, preached for us in the evening.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our Sunday-school had its delayed Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, the children doing their part well.

On the evening of Jan. 20 an entertainment was given by members of Clan Gordon, Hartford, which was much enjoyed. This was given to help the carpet fund.

The church is soon to be lighted by electricity.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Jan. 5, our annual Xmas entertainment was held. Instead of receiving gifts themselves, the children were asked to bring an offering for the inmates of the Mount Carmel Home. Santa Claus was present and there was a Xmas tree, together with an entertainment for the children. Refresh-

ments were served at the close and the pastor was presented with a purse of money.

Our pastor kept open house on New Year's day and many availed themselves of the opportunity to call.

There was a small attendance at the special meetings during the week of prayer, the weather was so unfavorable.

Jan. 13 our annual church meeting was held. The evening being stormy, only 100 were present. Reports from the different departments were given showing a prosperous condition.

During the year thirty-two were added to the church. There were ten removals and fifteen baptisms. The benevolent contributions were over \$1,000 and the debt was reduced \$650. The membership Jan. 1, 1904, was 388.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a play in Grange Hall Jan. 19, called "A Breezy Point."

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Miss Helen Johnson, a lifelong member of our church and Sunday-school, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16. The church has lost a loving and efficient worker and friend. She will be greatly missed among her large circle of acquaintances, as well as in the church.

Rev. Mr. Brigham of All Souls' Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., will exchange with our pastor Sunday, Jan. 24.

This is Dr. Adams' previous charge, and it is the first time he has been back since taking up the work in Hartford.

Mr. John C. Taylor, who was to have spoken in the vestry Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, was unable to be present, but will speak at some later date, to be announced.

At a recent meeting of the Young People's Guild, it was voted to change the name of the society to the Young People's Christian Union. This brings the Hartford young people into line with the others throughout the country. This society has been the only one under a different name, working toward the same end and with the same principles.

The vesper service which was scheduled for Sunday evening, Jan. 17, was postponed on account of the death of Miss Johnson.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

Jan. 3, the following persons were received as members in our church: Frank E. McIntyre, Louis O. P. Horn, Helen S. Ranney and Marc A. Shaef-fer.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday-school took place Monday, Dec. 28. There was a pretty play with happy songs, fairies, gifts and candy for the children and ice cream with cake was served for the parents, who were especially invited to be present. Every one spent a delightful evening.

The attendance at the Christian Endeavor meeting is good and Mr. McIntyre, Horace Trumbull and Henrietta Kibbe have been added to the membership.

Next week, Friday, the annual supper and roll-call of members of the church will take place.

We note with sorrow and regret the death of Mrs. Ranney's father, Dr.

Street. We shall miss his inspiring presence among us.

All contributions to foreign missions through this church are for the support of Dr. Fuller, president of Aintab Central Turkey College. All are cordially invited to join with us in this work.

Jan. 31 we will take a collection for Hartford Hospital.

Mr. Ranney has preached some notable and helpful sermons recently, and the quartet, under Mr. Camp, is doing most satisfactory work.

AETNA LIFE'S YEAR.

SOME REMARKABLE FIGURES SHOWN BY ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The careful business management of President Morgan G. Bulkeley and his associates of the Aetna Life Insurance Company has resulted in another year of remarkable achievements.

In these days of insurance progress one naturally looks for big results, but when one looks over the Aetna Life's record for 1903 he is certain to be astonished.

During the year, the company distributed to policy holders \$6,562,153.05, which added to past distributions, makes \$138,946,127.01 that the company has paid to its policy holders since its organization in 1850. What this amount has accomplished in the way of relieving distress and assisting those who would not otherwise have been provided for, is a question that cannot be answered in type.

The company issued and revived in 1903 life insurance to the amount of \$33,087,131, and was able to boast January 1 of having in force life insurance to the amount of \$225,765,843, a sum which represents 213,368 policy holders.

A guarantee fund in excess of the requirement by the company's standard is noted, the amount being \$5,681,913.91, and there is an excess of \$7,857,941.55 according to the requirements of insurance departments of Connecticut and other states. Nothing shows a company's strength more conclusively than this item alone.

The entire annual statement is one of progressive features. The assets gained were \$4,661,633.28, which now gives a total assets amounting to \$68,155,179.01. The increase in Excess Guarantee Fund, was \$181,412.86; and the premium income has forged ahead \$1,508,992.94. The increase in total income has been \$1,742,074.47, and in new life insurance issued, \$2,597,293. The life insurance in force figures \$12,002,866 more than it did a year ago and the policy holders are now 16,864 more in number than they were at that time.

A very large part of this growth is due to the wonderful strides made in the accident and liability department of the business.

These are the important facts about what the Aetna Life has been doing. It is not a matter simply of interest to the company nor to those who are policy holders but it should be a matter of pride to every citizen of Hartford as well as to those of the state which created it.

THE CHURCH REVIEW. AS DOCTORS SEE IT

THE SCIENTIFIC ASPECT OF ALCOHOLISM.

Head of American Medical Temperance Association Wants Alcohol Put on Common Footing With Other Poisonous Substances.

Alcoholism in its scientific aspect as the cause of pauperism, disease, suicide, crime, death; as the corroder of tissue, as the paralyzer of nerve force, the deadener of the senses and the destroyer of the consciences of men was discussed by able members of the American Medical Temperance association at its recent meeting in New Orleans.

The American Medical Temperance association is composed entirely of members of the American Medical association. It was organized twelve years ago in Washington, Dr. N. S. Davis, now the honorary president, being the first president. It is one of four similar societies and has a membership of about 200. There is a similar organization in England with about 1,000 members, one in France with about 500 members and another in Germany with a membership of over 1,000. They are all devoted to a scientific study of the problem of alcoholism.

The paper of Dr. Davis, the venerable honorary president of the association of Chicago, who was unable to attend, was read to the meeting by Dr. W. S. Hall of Chicago.

Dr. Davis' paper was notable in summarizing the purposes of the organization in its advocacy of restrictive legislation which will put alcohol on a common footing with other poisonous substances like chloroform and cocaine, in its insistence that the problem of temperance be lifted from the meshes of politics and be dealt with as a purely scientific problem by sanitary authorities and the courts of justice, and in its sweeping and untempered denunciation of the uses and abuses of alcohol generally by the men and women of the age.

Dr. Davis said in part:

"In claiming that alcohol as it exists in fermented and distilled liquors is a dangerous and most destructive poison to be legally declared such and to be sold only on legally qualified physicians' prescriptions and plainly labeled 'Poison' we will doubtless be told that 'in moderate doses it is tonic' and 'a conservator of tissue and therefore a food' and 'a poison only in large doses or too frequently repeated.'

"In other words, 'it is its abuse that causes all the evil and not its temperate use.' But is not the fact that our almshouses, hospitals, asylums and prisons are kept constantly filled with its ruined and dangerous abusers, all of whom commenced on so called temperate doses, sufficient evidence that any doses if repeated from day to day

are dangerous both to the individual and the community?

"When it is found that so temperate a dose as a single mug of beer or glass of wine or one drink of whisky perceptibly lessens mental activity and self control, retards the transmissions of impressions by the nerves, diminishes muscular strength, impairs the corpuscular elements of the blood and the nerve cells of the brain as seen under the microscope, retards tissue metabolism and excretion of waste products and increases the liability to attacks of all infectious diseases, are not these indubitable evidences of a poison which, if repeated from day to day, would endanger both health and morals?

"The same methods of investigation when applied to ether, chloroform, morphine or cocaine and to the whole field of etiology in the laboratories of chemistry, physiology and bacteriology are fully credited and readily acted upon. Then why not in reference to alcoholic liquors? The answer is twofold—first, because the effect of alcohol in diminishing the sensibility of the brain directly destroys the ability of the user to judge correctly concerning his own ability or the nature of his impressions, and the second is because human greed for the pecuniary profits of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors outweighs the regard for human welfare.

"So long as the contest can be kept in the field of politics these reasons will prevent anything more than temporary or partial success. But if it could be fully transferred to the departments of public health and morals, aided by the courts, a fair degree of success would soon result."

From a Commercial Standpoint.

Some of Toledo's largest industrial enterprises are assuming responsibility for the abstinence of their employees during working hours. They are buying up property adjacent to their manufacturing plants in order to defeat the efforts of liquor men in establishing saloons. Like the railroad companies, they are coming to realize that the virtue of temperance in their workmen has a definite commercial value capable of being measured in dollars and cents.

Whole Congregation Takes Pledge.

The entire congregation, 1,200 in number, of the Holy Saviour Roman Catholic church of Wilkesbarre, Pa., took the total abstinence pledge for one year after a recent Sunday service. Last year 1,000 pledged themselves, and it is said all kept the pledge faithfully.

Telling the Church's Future.

Rev. Dr. G. Parsons Nichols, commenting on the Christian Endeavor meeting in his own church, said, "The radiant eastern sky and the voices of singing birds do not foretell more truly the glorious sunrise than that light and those voices tell the future of this church."



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Young Men's Christian Association enters upon the new year of 1901 with brighter prospects and larger work than ever before in its history. The Hillyer Institute opened its second term with a large enrollment and continued enthusiasm. A new department just organized in the institute is a class for the study of First Aid to the Injured. Nearly 35 young men have registered. The religious work of the association was never more aggressive and earnest than now, and the management plan to give it even larger attention in the coming year. The theatre meetings are well sustained and largely attended, and some very interesting results are coming from them. They will be continued in the Hartford Opera House until the first Sunday in April. The speakers for the next few Sundays will be: Jan. 31, Hon. Chas. B. Landis, U. S. Congressman from Indiana; Feb. 7, Prof. Leon C. Prince, of Dickinson College, Pennsylvania; Feb. 14, Rev. F. A. Strough, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Feb. 21, Hon. J. P. Dolliver, U. S. Senator from Iowa. Each of these men speak to older boys in Fraternity Hall on Sunday with an attendance of nearly 100 boys each Sunday. The association has just undertaken a new field of activity and usefulness in Shop Bible classes held at the noon hour in the shops. This work was opened last Thursday in the Cushman Chuck Company's works, when over 80 men gathered to enjoy a brief expository study. The topic of the study is "Jesus, the Toiler." The Boys' Work is going steadily forward and is well cared for by the employees of the association during the time the department will be without a leader. A new secretary has been secured to begin work May 1. The popular lectures in the Lyceum Course are attracting ever increasing audiences. The above mentioned men who speak on Sunday at the theatre will all speak on Monday evening in Unity Hall. There remain three numbers in the Star Entertainment Course, which has been more successful this year than ever.

Hartford Christian Endeavor Union

HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

In the words of Warden Gurn, uttered Christmas morning at the Wethersfield state prison, the most charitable thing the Hartford C. E. Union do is the entertainment tendered the inmates each Christmas, and those in attendance can truthfully say, "Amen!"

To see the faces of those men brighten amid gloomy walls is enough in itself to warrant the time expended in providing the numbers on the program. For two hours the inmates enjoyed a first-class program without any apparent uneasiness, and those who planned the affair have reason to be well pleased with the result.

Thanks are due every one who lent their aid to so worthy an object. One especially pleasing feature of the affair was the presence of several of the prison directors.

Mr. A. H. Brooks, assisted by Nelson B. Bassett, W. P. Weaver and H. S. Goslee, were the committee in charge.

The directors of the Union will meet Wednesday, Jan. 20, to plan for the January meeting of the Union.

It may not lose any weight by repeating again in these columns that Hartford is to have the State Convention in October, 1904, and plans are well under way for same.

Rev. Carl Stackman, of West Cornwall, Ct., has the entire matter in charge and is assisted in various capacities by Pres. A. H. Brooks, Miss Thayer, secretary, and Messrs. Bassett, Weaver, Goslee and Tolhurst, and Revs. W. B. Tuthill and D. W. Howell.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 24—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—What if Christ came to our town?—John iv, 28-30; 39-42.

There is very little in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ to suggest the idea that the servants of God should become hermits, hidden from the world. Christ moved among men. Forty days were spent in the wilderness that Satan might be met and overcome, but beyond that Christ spent little time from the people except an occasional night in communion and prayer to God. He went about through all the towns of Judaea and Galilee, even into Samaria and as far as Tyre and Sidon. His ministry was an active, busy ministry. His time was not spent in religious seclusion, but He constantly went about doing good. In this respect the disciple of Christ should imitate his Lord. We can bring Christ to our town if in the spirit of Christ we go about among the people doing as He did.

The hypothetical case of Christ coming to congress, to church or to town

is rather an unsatisfactory one. What Christ would do if He came to our town no one knows. When He visited the towns of Palestine He usually did the thing that was least expected of Him. As a boy He visited Jerusalem. Who would have thought of His remaining to discuss profound questions with the doctors of law? He visited Jerusalem at the first Passover of His public ministry, but no one would have thought that He would have scourged the temple of those who defiled it. He visited Cana of Galilee, but would any one have dreamed of His changing water into wine at a wedding feast? What Jesus would do under given circumstances no one can prophesy with any degree of success, and it is little short of folly and presumption even to make the attempt. But we do know from sacred history what Christ did at Sychar, in Samaria, and this may be helpful and suggestive.

1. Christ at Sychar sacrificed Himself for others. He came to Jacob's well near evening, wearied with His journey, thirsty and hungry. The disciples left Him that they might procure food, and in their absence the woman of Samaria appeared. Immediately Jesus forgot His own needs and thought only of the spiritual needs of the sinful woman before Him. He at once sacrificed His wants to her wants. This was always characteristic of the Master. He "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." Today He would do the same and is doing it through those who are His disciples in all our towns.

2. Christ at Sychar put aside national and ecclesiastical prejudices to save a soul. The Jews and the Samaritans had no dealings with each other. Nationally and ecclesiastically there was enmity between them. But did Christ allow this to stand between Him and an opportunity to give the living water to one needing it? No. In the face of all national and ecclesiastical prejudice He sat down on the curb of Jacob's well and preached the gospel to a poor sinful Samaritan woman. No doubt He would do the same today, and as His disciples we should do it for Him. No class or race prejudice should interfere with our giving the gospel to all men, for all need it.

3. Christ at Sychar emphasized the value of the spiritual above the material. He soon turned from the water in Jacob's well to Himself, the living water. Nor was He unsuccessful. The woman believed and many of the people of Sychar. Representing Christ in our own town, we should lay special stress upon spiritual things. The soul is far superior in value to the body and should receive the greater care by all men.

BIBLE READINGS.

Matt. xviii, 1-14; Mark ii, 1-12; vi, 1-6; xi, 1-11; Luke ii, 40-52; viii, 1; xv, 1-10; John ii, 1-11; xiv, 1-12; xv, 1-16.

Topic.—Every Christian called to be a missionary.—Luke xxiv, 44-49.

There are few things more plainly set forth in the New Testament than

that every Christian should be a missionary. Christ plainly taught that the disciples should make disciples of all men and they of all nations, and thus the world was to be won for Him.

The commission of Christ to His disciples concerning the evangelization of the world was among the last commands of Christ and should therefore have the more weight with His disciples. Just before His ascension He said to them, "Ye are witnesses of these things," referring to the things concerning His life and death. It was at this time that He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Nor did these commands simply apply to His immediate hearers, but to all who in His name should become His disciples. The command "This do in remembrance of Me" was given to the disciples, yet no one would claim that it was for them alone. No more were the missionary commands of Christ. The disciples stood for all coming disciples, and through them Christ gave us our commands for today.

According to the commission of Christ every Christian should be both a home missionary and a foreign missionary—that is, an interested supporter of both home and foreign missions. He declared that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." The fact is, Christ made no distinction between home and foreign missions, and it is unfortunate that the church has done so. All work of discipling others is missions, whether it is done at home or abroad. Missions is the one word that should be used. The making of this distinction gives many a person a loophole of escape from contributing. When the foreign missionary offering is being taken up they are in favor of home missions, and vice versa. Missions is the one great work—the sending of the good news of salvation through the only begotten Son of God.

Instead of trying to escape our missionary duties every Christian should look upon it as a great privilege to have some part in winning the world for Christ. Nor should we forget that if there had been no missionaries we would never have known Christ. Through missionaries He came to us, and through them we should do all we can to send Him to others. Gratitude demands it as well as duty. Then, too, we should remember that Christ Himself has taught us by example to be missionaries. He left His home in heaven and came to earth "to seek and to save the lost." The disciple cannot be above his Lord. Where Jesus leads we must follow. Are we following His missionary example? If not, let us take up the work which comes to us along these lines. "The world for Christ" should be the watchword of every Christian until the kingdoms of this world shall have become a part of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

BIBLE READINGS.

Neh. ii, 1-8; Ps. lxxii, 8, 17-19; Eccl.

ix, 10; Isa. vi, 1-8; Nah. i, 15; Jonah iii, 1-10; Matt. x, 1-8; Acts i, 1-11; xiii, 1-3; Rom. x, 11-17.

Topic For the Week Beginning Feb. 7.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

The world includes every person who is a part of the world. God loved the world by loving every person in the world, and it is well for us to remember this when we come to read such verses of Scripture as John iii, 16. We may feel that the world is something beyond us, that it is so large that it does not include us, that God may love the world, but not us. Such, however, is not the case. The world includes every individual in the world. It includes you; it includes me. Christ Himself in these familiar verses soon passes from the use of "world" to that of the individual, using the pronoun "he" and the expression "every one," which is all inclusive. Everything predicted of Christ in this precious passage applies to the world, but it also applies to me.

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1. Christ was lifted up on the cross for the world and for me. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness that Israel might look upon it and be saved. Wicked men ignorantly carrying out the will of God lifted up Christ upon the cross of Calvary that the world might look up on Him and be saved. This was the crowning act of God's plan of salvation—Christ's death upon the cross. It was for the world. It was also for me. Christ died for me!

I gave My life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou mightst ransom me
And quickened from the dead.
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?

2. Christ's death upon the cross was a manifestation of God's love for the world and for me. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." It was love that impelled God to give His Son as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. But this love of God extends to each individual in the world who will accept it, "that whosoever believeth." No one is excluded. God's love includes the entire world and every individual in the world. Nor has the world ever seen love like the love of God. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." And God's love for us should inspire us to love Him. "We love Him," says John, "because He first loved us."

3. The effect of Christ's death and God's love upon us must be determined by ourselves. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already." God saves the world not as a world, but in its individuals. Christ died for all. God loves all, but all will not be saved except they believe. Salvation is an individual matter between each

one of us and our God. Have we settled it? Do you believe? Do you return God's love? Thus only can you receive the blessings of salvation offered in Jesus Christ.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. lxxii, 1-19; Isa. liii, 1-12; Matt. ii, 1-12; xiii, 31-33; Mark ii, 14; Luke xv, 1-10; John xv, 12-14; Rom. v, 8; Acts xvi, 25-34; I John iii, 1-3; iv, 10, 11.

Topic For the Week Beginning Feb. 14.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—What will real friendship do?—I Sam. xx, 1-23.

The Bible has been criticised by a certain class of writers on the ground that it has practically nothing to say upon the subject of friendship, a most important human relationship. Plato, Bacon, Emerson and other great writers have eulogized friendship, say the critics, but not the Bible. It has emphasized the duties of men to God, of husbands to wives and vice versa, of parents to children and children to parents, it is said, but is silent upon the subject of friendship. But this charge, like all the others against the Bible, is untrue. The Bible has much to say upon this important subject and has given us illustrations of it that surpass those found in what we call secular history. If one should collect the Scriptural references to friendship, especially in the writings of Solomon and of Christ, he would find that the Bible is not wanting in something to say upon this subject. And what in history surpasses the friendship of Christ and His disciples and of David and Jonathan?

The friendship of David and Jonathan was one of the most beautiful illustrations of friendship that the world has ever seen. Saul, the father of Jonathan, was king of Israel, and Jonathan should have succeeded his father upon the throne of Israel. But this he knew was not to be, and, although he knew that David was to have what he should have had, yet his friendship for David never faltered, but in covenant and in deed was ever manifested. What eulogy more beautiful than that of David when he said after the death of Jonathan: "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan. Very pleasant hast thou been unto me. Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women."

From the friendship of David and Jonathan we may learn:

1. Friendship is confiding. David, fearing that Saul was seeking his life, came to Jonathan and freely told him of all his fears. Real friends confide in each other. "No receipt," says Bacon, "opens the heart but a true friend, to whom you may impart griefs, joys, fears, hopes, suspicions, counsel and whatsoever lieth upon the heart to oppress it in a kind of civil shift or confession. It redoubles joys and cutteth griefs in halves."

2. Friendship is reproving. When David declared that Saul sought his life, Jonathan rebuked him, even saying directly, "It is not so." But this

did not break their friendship. Real friends may reprove each other. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend," saith the wise man. And who can doubt it? He who doubts the reproof of a friend doubts his friendship, for a prerogative of friendship real friendship is the privilege of reproving for the good of his friend.

3. Friendship is helpful. Though Jonathan doubted David's fears, yet he said, "Whatsoever thy soul desireth I will even do it for thee." And he did what David desired him to do. Friends help each other in the hour of need. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

4. Friendship is lasting. Jonathan was true to his friendship for David until the end of his life, and when Jonathan had passed away David cried in sorrow, "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan!"

The friend of friends, the one above all others, the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother," is the Lord Jesus Christ. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This Christ has done for us. Human friendships are precious and desirable, but nothing else can replace the friendship of Christ.

One there is above all others
Well deserves the name of friend;
His is love beyond all others,
Costly, free and knows no end.

BIBLE READINGS.

I Sam. xviii, 1; II Sam. i, 17-27; Prov. xvii, 17; xviii, 24; xxvii, 6; x, 17; Luke xi, 1-10; xii, 4, 5; John xv, 12-15; Jas. ii, 23; III John 14.

President McKinley's Greeting.

Before the Christian Endeavor society lie magnificent possibilities, and in congratulating the society on its splendid achievements in the past I would bid it godspeed to even grander and nobler successes in the future.—William McKinley to Nashville Convention.

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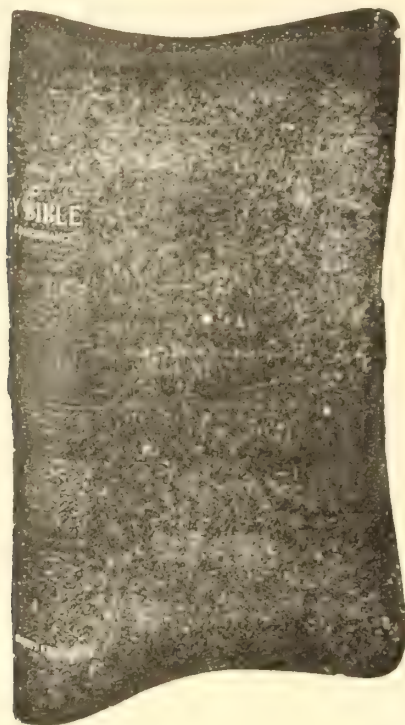
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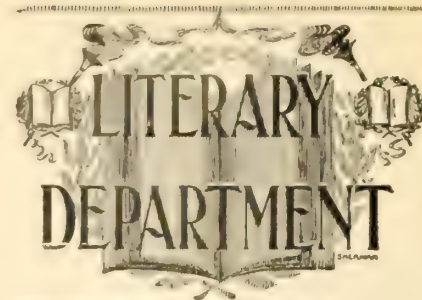
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"The Latest News from Lhasa," by the Rev. Ekai Kawaguchi, which appeared in the January *Century*, is the fullest and most satisfactory account of Tibet's "forbidden city" ever published in this country. Kawaguchi, a Buddhist priest of the Zen sect, spent months in wandering through Tibet before gaining entrance to Lhasa, and then, his remarkable journey accomplished, maintained a residence in Lhasa for two years, living nearly all the time in the house of a Tibetan official.

The Burr McIntosh Monthly for January, containing about forty full page panel portraits and panoramic views, sustains a high place among beautiful magazines. Hardly ever is there anything but the truest artistic quality to its illustrations, every one of which is worthy of framing.

Pearson's for February will have three good special articles. Michigan, No. 17, in the series of The Story of the States, by David S. Barry; the third of Henry George, Jr.'s articles on "Modern Methods of Finance," which deals with the wrecking of the Third Avenue Street Railway Company of New York, and "Why Shakespeare Appeals to Actor and Audience."

The January magazine number of *The Outlook* is especially notable for the number of interesting portraits contained in it. Thus, a fine full page picture of Herbert Spencer precedes an anecdotal, personal article on Spencer by George Iles, who knew him well; Sargent's portrait of President Roosevelt precedes the instalment of Jacob A. Riis' "Theodore Roosevelt the Citizen," which deals with Mr. Roosevelt's share in the work of civil service reform; St. Gaudens' portrait of the typical Puritan precedes Mr. Henry Hoyt Moore's entertaining and graphic article called "The Puritan and the Cavalier," which is further well illustrated by the author's photographs taken at Plymouth and Jamestown.

People who care to know how a practical naturalist lives and works should read "Our Naturalist at Home," which is the story of the daily life of a lover of animals and birds, and appears in the *Woman's Home Companion* for January.

The biggest thing, certainly, in the January *McClure's* is the article of Carl Schurz, "Can the South Solve the Negro Question?" It is absolutely masterly in elevation of thought and vigor of treatment; and will awaken discussion, much of which is bound to be vehement.

In each succeeding number of *Everybody's Magazine* is found some significant and valuable article bearing on the subject about which the people are most interested at the moment of its appearance. Nothing could have been better than O. K. Davis's explanation of the issues between Russia and Japan in the December number. Every day since there have been telegrams from Tokio and St. Petersburg telling of the progress of negotiations between the belligerent powers. The readers of *Everybody's* had been informed by one of the most entertaining of war correspondents just what to expect when

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The pitiless sea is the whole subject of these tales, with various titles, the tone of them all being epitomized in

A Japanese Garland. By Hideo Peltier. 201 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Publishing Co. Price 75 cent.

The author is a resident of this country, so there is much local interest in his clever story of native superstition and story for folk lore too, applied in different flowers of Japan form the greater part of the book.

The stories are told by a Japanese boy to his American friends, boys and girls with whom he associates as the adopted son of an American. An excellent method this proves to be of acquainting the reader, as well as the boy's supposed audience, with much information as to customs and superstitions of the people of that interesting country.

The book is appropriately illustrated by Genjiro Yeto, a Japanese artist.

The Star Fairies. By Edith Ogden Harrison. 128 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.25.

The author is the wife of Mayer Carter Harrison of Chicago, and in juvenile literature she is known as the author of "Prince Silver Wing," a charming fairy story, which is soon to be dramatized.

This new book is as full of graceful fancies as its predecessor and its large sale during the holidays and since testifies to its attractiveness. Many an older reader will enjoy it as much as the children do, for it is the work of an unusually brilliant imagination.

Jesus of Nazareth: The Story of His Life and the Scenes of His Ministry. By Rev. William E. Barton, D. D. 558 pages, 8 vo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$2.50.

After Doctor Barton's return from the Orient he wrote a small volume telling of the places where the Christ lived and did His work. As the work neared completion, it was added to and revised until it was a new life of the Saviour almost before its author realized. He diligently pursued the path opened before him, determined to prepare a work which would be its own explanation for adding a new "Life" to the many already extant.

It is a wonderfully simple story, yet filled with anecdote and incident which enliven it. It throws new light upon old controversies, happily without entering into the discussions. The illustrations are excellent—one of them we are enabled to reproduce on this page through the kindness of the author—and there are a number that are new and will prove of exceptional interest.

China's Book of Martyrs. By Lucila Miner. 512 pages, 8 vo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. Price, \$1.50.

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The Compromises of Life. By Henry Watterson. 447 pages, 12 mo. New York: Fox, Duffield & Co. Price \$1.50.

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The Way of the Sea. By Norman Duncan. 332 pages, 12 mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.50.

These are short stories of the people of Newfoundland outposts, among whom Mr. Duncan passed some time. The character of these folk, as Mr.

most in the desperate cry of the two boys in "The Chase of the Tide" as the waves engulf their boat, "The Sea! He've coched us!"

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The Sword of Garibaldi. By Felicia Buttz Clark. 274 pages, 12 mo. New York: Eaton & Mains. Price \$1.25.

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The Pilgrim and Imitator of New England. By Katherine M. Astor. 484 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

An interesting history, though the book is very popular in title for its "New England" seems to be concentrated in Massachusetts and especially in the vicinity of Boston. But, allowing for this fault of title, the book is of decided interest and value to every reader who is even remotely interested in early history, for the author has a charm of style which invests her subject with even more interest than we naturally expect from it.

There is a thoroughness in her work, also, which gives it a definite referential value; in this respect being superior to many of the recent works attempted along the same general lines. The illustrations are numerous and are mostly reproductions from photographs, an example of which appears on this page, the publishers having kindly allowed the use of the cut.

Pioneer Days in Kansas. By Richard Cooley. 474 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.25.

Few people to-day do not know from their histories what life on the frontier meant in the early days. Kansas was for several decades in the very vail of turmoil, and so one is prepared for an intense story when this account of early frontier work is taken up.

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Esarhaddon, and Other Tales. By Leo Tolstoy. 64 pages, 32 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price 40 cents.

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The Thoughtless Thoughts of Carisbach. By Isa Carrington Cabell. 345 pages, 12 mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.25.

The author has many personal friends in Hartford, so that it is here reviewed with more than general interest. Her work is unusually clever, not by any means justifying the self-critical description of "thoughtless thoughts." In reality, the essays are little gems of humor and satire, showing a quick grasp of human foibles and weaknesses and a very capable pen in depicting them.



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The details of this famous preacher's life are touched upon only so far as they are significant in effect upon his work as a preacher and evangelist. One obtains a vivid impression of the *character of the man* and appreciates somewhat better, through Mr. Davis's diligent research, the difficulties of the work Robinson performed in.

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The Shutters of Silence. By G. B. Burdett. 378 pages, 12 mo. New York: Smart Set Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

The hero of this remarkable story is a young man who, when a child, was given into the care of a Trappist monastery in Canada. There he received a training which led him to look forward only to the life of a religious devotee, without any thought of the world and its sordid phases.

On his arrival at man's estate, how-

ever, his father brings him out and forth into the world to take his proper place in social life. He immediately becomes involved in the love affairs of a number of people. The author works out a most ingenious and significant story—better to read than to have described, only, it is well to say, there is some exceptional work in this book that makes it unusually interesting.

Songs of All the Colleges. Collected by David R. Chamberlain (Harvard) and Karl P. Harrington (Wesleyan). 330 pages, large 8 vo. New York: Hinds & Noble. Price \$1.50.

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I know that I shall conquer in the fray;
Show me the way.

Show me the way up to the higher plane,
Where body shall be servant to the soul;

I do not care what tides of woe or pain
Across my life their angry waves may roll,

If I but reach the end I seek some day;
Show me the way.

Show me the way and let me bravely climb

Above vain grievings for unworthy treasure;

Above all sorrows that mid balm in time

Above small triumphs, or belittling pleasure,

Up to the heights where these things seem child's play,
Show me the way.

Show me the way to that calm, perfect peace,

Which springs from inward consciousness of right;

For where all conflicts with the flesh shall cease,

And self shall radiate with the spirit's light,

Though hard the journey and the strife,
I pray

Show me the way.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Better to make an enemy of another than to make an enemy of yourself.—S. Weir Mitchell.

Those birds soar the highest that have had the hardest upbringing. Even so God usually nurses those amid difficulties and hardships who are destined to rise to eminence and accomplish great deeds on earth.—Guthrie.

THE NEGLECTED INTELLECTUAL LIFE.

BY REV. WILLIAM W. RANNEY.

Those who are inclined to pass this article by because its title does not interest them are the very ones for whom it is intended. The intellectual life is not for a select few; it is for all. Without intellectuality, there is no sound spirituality. Whenever the gospel of Christ has laid hold of men it has quickened every faculty they possess, and if any of us are leaving a single talent wrapped in a napkin, we are to that extent unchristian.

It was no accident that the entrance of Christianity into the world was accompanied by the appearance of the most precious books in literature, nor are the gospels and epistles of the New Testament to be accounted for by saying, they were written by inspiration of God. Men who came in contact with Christ were quickened in their whole being. They felt more deeply, thought more clearly and expressed themselves more beautifully than before the great experience came to them. Contact with the mind of the Master will produce similar results to-day. He saves soul alone, but the whole man. "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

Our churches have a right to the full inheritance of this abundant life, but there are many signs that, by neglect of the intellectual life, they are failing to reach the highest results. We are trying to increase the sum of goodness in the world, and so far as we succeed, we are aiding in the best of all endeavors. But goodness cannot be cultivated apart from culture of the mind. A far greater success than any yet achieved by the church is waiting for those who act upon the principle that the training of the understanding is one of the most effective agencies for the perfecting of the soul.

Christian nurture has been handed over by the public school and by the home to the Sunday-school, but as yet we are not awake to our responsibility and our opportunity. When we learn

to put into our religious teaching a thoroughness comparable to that which prevails in secular education, we will be much nearer the result to which we are entitled. American history is not the Scripture which makes wise unto salvation, but hundreds of teachers are using it for that purpose when they hold before their pupils men like Washington and Lincoln. Hero worship is one of the surest forms of character training and few children withstand the influence for righteousness which is brought to bear on them by an enthusiast who makes the figures of the Father of his Country and of Honest Abe live before the imagination. But such an impression is made first of all through the mind of the child and it is deepened and fixed by faithful study, backed by all the splendid discipline of the school, regularity of attendance, competent instruction, graded classes, and examinations. The whole subject is presented in an atmosphere of intellectual honesty and reality. When shall we adopt the same high standard in our Sunday schools? It is not too much to say that at present more is accomplished in the development of Christian character in the day school than in the Sunday school. For manifestly a short definition of what is included in being a Christian is more effectively cultivated by well-taught lessons in American history than by ill-taught lessons in Jewish history. Of course the influence of a good man or woman upon the children in a class is in itself powerful and ennobling, and we may take the solace of that fact to our hearts when we are made to feel too keenly the weakness of the Sunday-school.

But goodness will be immensely enhanced in potency when it is combined with right methods of teaching. Sometimes the moral effect of the Bible, truth is vitiated by the unwitting falsity of the teacher's attitude. Sometimes an atmosphere of triviality surrounds the topic because the business of the school is carelessly considered. What wonder is it that we lose sight of our youth and fail to make the right impression upon many more souls or allow

THE OYSTER INDUSTRY.

BY FRANK D. BEAVER.

Probably a very small percentage of the persons who enjoy the eating of oysters realize the magnitude and importance which the oyster industry has assumed in the commercial world. From the time of the early Romans, oyster farming or culture has rapidly developed until it means an annual gathering and output of a quantity beyond comprehension and a valuation incalculable. The oyster as a marketable commodity did not aspire to a noticeable position in the United States until

those from elsewhere.

While the oyster industry on the Atlantic coast covers more or less the entire stretch from Maine to Florida, the Chesapeake Bay region is undoubtedly the largest field. Visitors to tidewater Virginia are invariably amazed at the number of boats and men employed in the business, and are always amply repaid for the time and trouble taken to look into the details of the immense industry.

It may not be generally known that oysters are of both sexes and that one female oyster is estimated to lay a million eggs in a single spawning season. Scientists claim, however, that not more

to the state men, but are bound to any place, at a really regular.

Experiments are now being made by the National Government in regard to feeding oysters artificially in order to increase their size, improve taste and to preserve the body.

The oyster season begins in the month of September or October in the period when the oyster is ripe for use, and it is during this time that the waters of Eastern Virginia present such a busy picture. It is estimated in this section alone over ten thousand sailing craft, large and small, are engaged in the work of gathering oysters and transporting them to market.



Photo by Cheyne, Hampton, Va.

MOUNTAINS OF OYSTER SHELLS TO BE SEEN AT HAMPTON, VA., AT THE END OF THE OYSTER SEASON.

about 1820, but the constantly increasing demand brought the industry to a point, where, in 1893, it was estimated that over 15,000,000 bushels were taken annually from the beds of tidewater Virginia alone, to say nothing of other sections.

Strange as it may seem, there is only one species of oyster on the eastern coast of North America, and that is the *Ostrea virginica*. On the western coast there are other varieties, but they do not compare with the one of the east. The various names given the oyster in different localities are simply a matter of environment, their food supply and growth conditions. Connoisseurs claim that oysters differ in taste to such an extent that one can easily detect the kind, while others adhere to the assertion that the shell must be examined. Howbeit, it is a well-known fact that oysters from one locality are in greater demand and bring higher prices than

than one in every ten thousand eggs makes a marketable oyster, hence the danger of the supply exceeding the demand is obviated.

In its early life the oyster is in larval state and comes to the surface for a short time, but soon sinks to the bottom, where it attaches itself to any hard substance and commences its growth. In three months it is discernible to the eye, and in three years is ready for market. Where this breeding takes place is called a "natural bed," and if left undisturbed would soon result in a solid mass of shell or limestone. These natural beds belong to the State, but any citizen thereon may take oysters from them by paying a State tax for every pair of tongs used. When the young oyster is taken from the natural bed it is planted or scattered over artificial beds at the rate of 600 to 1,000 bushels to the acre, and left to grow. The artificial beds belong

As a rule, the dredging, or tonging, is done from canoes or "cunners," which are small vessels with one sail, typical to this locality. As soon as a canoe is loaded, the sail is hoisted and the little boat is run alongside of a sloop or schooner anchored nearby, to which the oysters are transferred. The larger vessel transports them to market or to the shucking or opening houses at Norfolk, Hampton, etc.

The opening or shucking of oysters is a feature in the industry that gives employment to a great many people. Openers are paid at the rate of from 15 to 20 cents per gallon of opened oysters and a good hand can average about twelve gallons per day. The shells naturally accumulate fast, but are also a marketable commodity. They are used for innumerable purposes, but principally as "cultch," for scattering over the natural beds for the young oysters to cling to.

Of all the different named varieties Virginia, known as Lynnhaven, is considered at the head of the list as being the most delicate and most graceful of any grown in the South, but others claim equal excellence.

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Our gymnasium has proved to be a very attractive addition to our equipment. During the past month a rowing machine has been presented to us by a friend and another has contributed a jumping horse and parallel bars. Aside from the interest and pleasure in the

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The weekly lecture meetings are well attended. On alternate Tuesdays we have the lecture for the two Sundays following, thus giving half the time for special topics.

Dr. Porter gave the lecture on "The Rise of the Catholic Church" and that subject he will further present on February 23.

On March 8, Mr. J. Goodale Lilly will show the pictures from his collection from his collection and will speak on "The Cause and Method of Bible Reading."

HARTFORD CHARITIES

The present winter has made unusual demands upon the charities of Hartford. Several of the larger shops have been employing fewer men than usual and the severity of the weather has decreased the demand for labor, while increasing the expense for fuel and clothing.

The Charity Organization Society has been employing several students from the Theological Seminary in caring for the many families who apply for help and another office assistant has now been added to its force.

Free lodgings at the Hartford police station have greatly increased in number during the past two years. While the vagrant seems to appreciate even the poor accommodations offered, it is coming to be generally recognized that the present system is harmful to both the vagrant and the public. A committee of the Common Council has been making a thorough study of the situation, visiting several other cities where better methods prevail. Some measure will doubtless be reported which will remedy the present demoralizing and dangerous system.



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CANOE OR "CUNNERS" UNLOADING OYSTERS INTO SCHOONERS.

THE OPEN HEARTH

Through the kindness of friends, a successful concert, given by the musical clubs of the Pennsylvania University, netted \$250, which will be a great assistance in our work, as we are caring for from seventy to eighty men each night and are doing a larger work than ever before. The services are well attended and the practical talks given by Sup't Miller are listened to with interest and many have professed determination to lead good lives in the future. The wood yard is very busy at this time and many men are thus employed and able to earn their board and lodging for a time, until they can procure steady employment elsewhere. Our friends should not forget this branch of our work as it is important that we should be enabled to employ those who are unable to obtain employment and come to us for help. During the season of Lent a special course of lectures will be given by Sup't Miller, including stereopticon views of sacred subjects, which will prove of great interest to all who attend. One of our most valued men, Mr. Ole Loss, who has been with us for a long time and taken a deep interest in the work, leaves us for his home in Norway on February 16. The farewell supper given by him to the Sup't and staff, and other friends, was a most enjoyable affair and closed the year rich both by heart and memory. Improvements are being continually made to our building and grounds in order to increase the facilities for the work, which is constantly on the increase.

gymnasium, we value the opportunity thus presented to direct the physical training and development of the young people connected with the chapel.

The Mothers' Club was entertained by the Hartford Motherhood Club at its meeting in G. A. R. Hall Monday, February 15.



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OYSTER OPENERS OR SHUCKERS.



NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The annual business meeting of the mission was held January 26, and the following officers were elected: Superintendent, C. F. Agard; asst. supt., H. S. House; lady supt., Miss Ella Myers; secretary, E. Dexter; treasurer, H. E. Gage; devotional committee, R. L. Joslyn; assts., The King's Daughters.

The reports of the committees showed 150 members in the Sunday-school, 45 in the primary department, 13 teachers, 8 officers, and 15 in the home department.

We wish to thank those who have assisted in the services for the past month.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper February 5.

March 1, the King's Daughters will hold a sociable, to which all friends are cordially invited.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

On the second Sunday in February, the offering was for the increase of the Bishop Fund.

The St. John's Missionary Society has been meeting lately at the homes of its members. In December the society sent a box of clothing to a missionary in Florence, S. C.

"Old Honesty," a comic drama in two acts, is to be presented by the St. John's Chapter of the Knights of Temperance shortly after Easter. The Chapter is now entering upon its eleventh year, but it was not until last year that the idea of presenting a play was fully materialized. Then the Chapter filled the bill very satisfactorily for two nights in Ives Hall at the Retreat. It is planned to give two presentations of "Old Honesty" in Ives Hall—the first for the Retreat and the second open to the public.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Girls' Friendly Society had one of its pleasant services Tuesday evening, February 9.

The Missionary Society held a sale, with supper, Wednesday evening, February 10.

The Men's Club had a full room Thursday evening, February 11. The club now numbers 53 members.

The reception given to the rector and curate was enjoyed by a full parish house.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

The Wethersfield and Berlin Sabbath School Union held a very interesting meeting on January 26. It was voted to hold the next meeting in the spring of 1905.

A representative of the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society addressed the church and Sunday-school on January 31. He left a number of little banks to be filled with ten cent pieces

before Easter. This money is to be used to help needy schools.

Rev. Mr. Talmadge of Hartford preached on February 7, and gave a talk to the teachers in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Hawes spoke on February 14, in behalf of the needy ministers of our Congregational societies.

Supt. Belden gave valentines to the younger classes on Sunday. The valentines were heart shaped and had "God is Love" in red letters on a white ground.

The school attendance has been very small on account of scarlet fever and grippe.

Rev. Mr. Macy has been detained at home on account of scarlet fever in the family.

Mrs. George Steele has been elected president and Miss Nina Blair, sec'y and treas., of the Church Aid Society.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

Mr. Augustine Ohol, of India, gave a very interesting address on "The Manners and Customs of the Hindu People," Sunday morning, January 31. Mr. Ohol was dressed in his native costume.

The members of the official board and their wives spent a very pleasant evening at the parsonage on February 2.

On Sunday evening, February 7, a Wesley service was held, at which papers were read concerning the early lives of John and Charles Wesley. Appropriate hymns were also sung.

Rev. B. B. Brown of St. Paul's, Hartford, was present on Sunday morning, February 14, and administered the communion.

A Valentine Social was given at the parsonage on Tuesday evening, February 16. Each person was required to present a valentine upon entering.

FIRST METHODIST.

On Wednesday evening, January 20, the Epworth League held a most enjoyable social at the home of Mr. John Decker, Warrenton Avenue. Readings were given by Miss Hattie Decker, Miss Carrie Birlingham and Mrs. Weisheimer and solos by Miss Laidlaw. The Bacon Banjo Quintet rendered several selections.

At the January meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, a vote was taken to raise \$2,000 towards the new church. The ladies are working very hard and are very anxious to raise this money as soon as possible.

On Wednesday, January 27, a sale was held at the home of Mrs. C. N. Knox for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society. The neat little sum of \$50 was realized.

Dr. McCormick is giving a series of lectures from the First Epistle of John at our Thursday evening prayer services.

FIRST BAPTIST.

We learned with great regret of the death, in Rochester, of Rev. T. Harwood Pattison, the father of our pastor. Mr. Pattison had many friends in our congregation and the great loss our pastor has met with is appreciated by all who ever knew his father.

On Sunday, February 14, Rev. Robert A. Ashworth, who has been in charge of our special meetings, preached to us on "The Christian's Debt to the World."

The mothers' meetings are being held

regularly on Wednesday afternoons in the church parlors.

The work of installing our new organ has now actually begun and our services for a few Sundays will be conducted with a piano in substitution for the organ. The new organ is the Austin Organ Company's Universal Windchest System.

Our offering for the Hartford Hospital was \$55.

This winter we are going to have a series of stereopticon missionary meetings. Last month we had 50 views of China. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 25. The views shown will be of Burma. This will be in preparation for the great missionary day—Sunday, February 28—when Dr. Bunker is to be with us and also Miss MacLaurin.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

On Sunday evening, February 21, there will be a special commemorative service for the tenth anniversary of the Dorcas Society. The ladies of the Society are also preparing an entertainment which will celebrate in a social way, some evening later in the week, the anniversary.

Mr. Myrton T. Smith was recently appointed superintendent of the Sunday-school and entered upon his duties the last Sunday of January.

A large number of the attendants at the chapel went to the concert at the Wethersfield Baptist church on Wednesday, January 20, and enjoyed a delightful entertainment.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Loyal Workers' Society has decided to hold but one meeting a week for the present, which will be the usual 6.30 meeting Sunday evenings. The Tuesday evening meetings are therefore suspended until further notice.

The president of the society, Mr. Herbert S. Colton, having made choice of the chairman of our Lookout committee, Miss C. Estella Lay, for his valentine, their marriage took place at the church Monday evening, February 15. The church was tastefully trimmed with evergreen at the altar, and was well filled with friends. Mr. J. Edward Lay, brother of the bride, and Miss Velma Teeple attended the bridal pair, with little Margaret Goudey as ring-bearer. After a short trip to friends in Bridgeport, they will be with us again to take up their accustomed duties.

The church held its annual meeting Friday evening, February 5, and our clerk and treasurer gave a very satisfactory report of the year's work financially, showing all bills paid and a small sum in the treasury.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The church services and the Epworth League meetings held on Thursday evenings, have not been as well attended as usual, owing to the severe weather and sickness in some families.

It is expected some candidates will preach for us between now and conference, as this is Mr. Keeler's last year with us, it being his senior year at Wesleyan. He expects to continue his studies elsewhere.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The death of Mrs. Powers, on Sar-
gent street, brings a shadow over us, as
her family has long been associated with
us and the "boys" who lived for us
have learned to love. May He who
can "bind up the broken-hearted"
bring comfort to the bereaved family.

Three members of our Sunday-school
are awaiting baptism into the church,
and others are expected to soon follow.

Our Senior Young People's Society
reorganized with Mr. Bay as president.
Although among our more recent mem-
bers, he is most cordially welcomed to
this position, for real merit has been
detected in him in spite of an almost
overwhelming modesty.

The Juniors give an entertainment on
Friday evening, February 19, and the
Seniors a social, February 23.

The Woman's Mission Circle held an
interesting meeting February 12. Sub-
ject: "Asiatic Missions." Mrs. Strong
presided and Mrs. Stone conducted a
missionary conversation by four mem-
bers of the circle.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The Young People's Club met in the
parish hall on Tuesday evening, Febru-
ary 9, for the purpose of making plans
for an entertainment to be given later
on in the spring. Final action will be
taken at the next meeting. The young
people are doing some splendid work;
and the steady increase in membership
is helping greatly toward making the
work a grand success.

The class in voice culture, under the
leadership of Mr. Weyhe, is making
good headway.

The ladies of the Guild met in the
parish hall on Wednesday, February 10.
Many of their friends were present and
the excellent supper provided was very
much enjoyed. Later in the evening a
social was held, which made the evening
a very pleasant one.

Bishop Brewster will visit the parish
on Sunday evening, February 21. Mr.
Macbeth will present a class for confir-
mation.

UNITY CHURCH.

On the evening of January 22, the
young ladies of the Sunday-school gave
a Leap Year Social. Owing to the ice-
storm many were hindered from com-
ing, but those who went enjoyed a very
pleasant evening. Music was furnished
by Mrs. Lester and Miss Lamphear, pi-
ano, and Mr. Wood and Miss Fitch on
mandolin and piano.

January 31, Mr. Waite gave an inter-
esting sermon on "Voltaire and his In-
fluence."

The Unitarian Charitable Society, af-
ter two postponements on account of the
weather, held its annual meeting on Fri-
day afternoon, January 29. The follow-
ing officers were elected: Pres., Mrs.
Carroll; vice-pres., Mrs. Walker; sec.
and treas., Mrs. Lyman; executive com-
mittee, Mrs. Lester, Mrs. Royall, Mrs.
Griswold.

On the evening of January 29, a Chil-
dren's Social was held in the lower hall.

A contribution for the hospital was
taken up on Hospital Sunday outside of
the regular envelopes. Mr. Waite per-
sonally collected a subscription.

On February 7, Rev. Mr. Waite
preached at Cornell University and the

pulpit was supplied by Rev. Alfred Free
of Florence, Mass., who gave an inter-
esting sermon on "Lent."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A Scottish entertainment will be
given at the church chapel on Friday
evening, February 20, by the Junior
Workers and the church chorus. A
unique feature of this entertainment is
the contest between the young men and
young ladies as to which will sell the
more tickets. This contest is likely to
result in a very large attendance. The
proceeds are to go to the fund to pro-
cure a motor for the organ.

Mr. Gelston has organized a male
quartette to sing at the Sunday evening
service. The singing of the young men
is greatly appreciated by the congrega-
tion.

The pastor of the church has been
preaching a series of sermons Sunday
evenings on the "Pilgrim's Progress."
The attendance at this series has been
very much increased.

A social was given in the parlor of
the church on Lincoln's Birthday for the
primary department of the Sunday-
school, and the mothers of the children.
It was largely attended and very much
enjoyed.

The Young People's Association has
subscribed for the missionary library
offered by the Christian Endeavor
World.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On the last Sunday in February Miss
Ella MacLaurin of the Baptist Mission-
ary Union will be with us and speak at
the evening service.

On Friday afternoon, February 26,
the ladies of the church will hold a
mite-box opening.

Four of our young people have recent-
ly confessed their faith in Christ and
will soon be baptized and unite with
the church.

A chorus choir is soon to be formed.
It will be organized by Mr. Kelsey of
the Hartford Conservatory of Music and
will be under his leadership for a time.

Two have been removed from the
church by death during the past month:
Mrs. F. M. Fitts, who has been ill for
a number of years, and Mr. Benjamin
Harrison of East Hartford, who has
also been in poor health for many
months. Mr. Harrison was one of the
constituent members of the church.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEP-
HERD.

The concert given by the Mendelssohn
Male Quartette and Miss Kate Ellis,
under the auspices of the Men's League,
in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, Feb-
ruary 11, was a decided success. The
singing by the Quartette, and the mono-
logues by Miss Ellis, were greatly en-
joyed by the large audience present.
Cream and cake were served in the guild
rooms on the lower floor, by the Daugh-
ters of the King. The proceeds of the
concert will be used for expenses of the
League.

Bishop Brewster will visit the church,
Sunday morning, February 20, and con-
fer the rite of confirmation on a class of
candidates.

The Lenten season will commence
with Ash Wednesday and the usual
Friday evening services during Lent

will be omitted. This change has been
made to enable members to attend
the series of services with sermons, ar-
ranged by the clergy, to be held at Christ
church on Thursday evenings during
Lent. The preachers are able men and
it is hoped to have the services well
attended.

A second collection for the organ
fund was taken Sunday, February 14.
The fund is growing slowly but surely.
A new organ is greatly needed to re-
place the old instrument.

Lenten cards were distributed Sun-
day, February 14, to members of the
congregation, announcing all services to
be held at the church and chapel during
Lent, and for Easter Day.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGA-
TIONAL.

Mr. Philip C. Walcott, the assistant
superintendent of the Sunday-school,
preached a thoughtfully considered, pol-
ished sermon on February 7, on "Peace."
This is the first time the congregation
has had the pleasure of hearing Mr.
Walcott preach.

Our new parish house is finished. A
reception to commemorate the event was
held Friday, February 12. The Sun-
day-school last month contributed \$155
toward the furnishing.

Monday, February 15, Prof. Pratt will
deliver the first of a series of lectures
under the auspices of the Teachers'
Club. The admission to these lectures
is 25 cents. The same evening, at 7
o'clock, the first meeting of the Mission
Study Class will be held, under the au-
spices of the Young People's Federa-
tion. Leader, Mr. Trowbridge.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The entertainment given on the even-
ing of January 20, in the church, was a
success. Much interest was felt in the
rendering of the beautiful Scotch songs.
The church appreciates the kindness of
Clan Gordon members and other Hart-
ford people who assisted.

Our church is now being painted in-
side and all are working for the new
carpet and other expenses. The ladies
have arranged for a birthday social,
February 22. It is hoped all will re-
spond freely and a large sum be raised.
A supper will be served.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGA-
TIONAL.

A patriotic service will be held next
Sunday afternoon, it being the eve of
Washington's birthday. Mr. Wm. F. Hil-
ton, Chaplain of the Conn. Dept. of the
Grand Army of the Republic, will speak.

After fourteen years of valuable ser-
vice as superintendent of our Sunday-
school, Deacon F. A. Brackett felt ob-
liged, by the pressure of other duties,
to resign this office. He was persuaded
to serve the school as advisory super-
intendent.

The topic for the Thursday evening
meeting will be "The Holy Roman Em-
pire," in the series on the History of the
Church. The pastor will be assisted by
Mr. Herbert Ross, who will speak on the
influence of that empire on the govern-
ments of Christendom.

A social was given to the pastor's
class by the Christian Endeavor Society
last Thursday afternoon.

Work on the new parish house is making progress and plans are being made for its furnishing.

Christian Endeavor Day was observed in the Endeavor Society by a special rally sermon, which was largely attended. The meeting was conducted by our vice-president, Mr. Perry.

The president of the Christian Endeavor Society, Mr. Harry T. Barnes, will be obliged to resign his office owing to his removal to Boston. The society and the church, also, will regret to lose such an efficient worker.

NORTH METHODIST.

The organ recital was a success in every way.

The people at the North end appreciate the recitals given by Miss Elsie J. Dresser, the organist.

The official board has invited Mr. Howell, the pastor for the last four years, to remain another year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watrous are spending a few weeks in Florida.

Mr. Samuel Whelan has recovered from his sickness.

The Old Folks' concert promises to be something above the average and will be given early in March.

The Willing Workers will give a Washington's Birthday supper, February 22.

Miss Dorothy W. Wollerton has recovered from a sickness.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

We were very glad to welcome back our superintendent, Mr. M. J. Riga, who has been unable to attend the Sunday-school for some time.

Mr. Burton Clapp has been appointed as assistant secretary. The attendance of the school has been good considering the weather we have had.

Last Sunday our Christian Endeavor Society observed Endeavor Day, an exceedingly interesting program being prepared, and our room being nicely decorated.

Through the kindness of Mr. A. Angevi we had a quantity of flowers.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Legislature of the Men's Union held an interesting meeting in the chapel on Friday evening, January 15.

It was voted, at the mid-week prayer-meeting, January 14, to continue the publication of the "Graystone Herald" and also, to publish a weekly calendar.

A very interesting meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society was held in the chapel on Tuesday afternoon, January 19. The topic was, "Glimpses of the Work of our Missionaries."

The day of prayer for colleges, observed on Thursday evening, January 28, was one of especial interest and was led by Professor C. M. Geer. Messages were received from a number of our young people who are now in college.

About thirty members of our Bible school attended the seventy-second anniversary of the Wethersfield and Berlin Sunday-school Union, held in Newington on Tuesday, January 26.

On Sunday evening, January 24, thirty-five members of our Christian Endeavor Society attended the meeting of the north section held at the old north school house.

The Mission-Study Class, under the leadership of Prof. C. M. Geer, held its first meeting of the season at the parsonage on Monday evening, February 8.

On Sunday evening, January 31, Rev. D. D. Marsh of West Hartford preached on "Contentment."

There was a large attendance at the "muster in" service for the First Church Company of the Boys' Brigades of America, which was held in the auditorium on Thursday evening, February 4. The company's members, to the number of thirty, were present under the command of Captain W. G. Henderson and presented a fine appearance in their new uniforms. Two companies from New Britain brigades were present and added much to the interest of the occasion. The presentation of the charter of the company was by Major-General Oscar E. Perrigo of New Haven, who likewise presented the commissions to the officers. A brief address upon the aims of the "Boys' Brigade" was by Major Russell of New Britain. "Taps" was sounded by organist F. S. Smith.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Arrangements have been made for a series of special meetings to begin in March, under leadership of Miss May B. Lord of the Connecticut Bible Society, under whose leadership a remarkable work has just been closed in Bethel, Conn., where about 150 people, more than half of them men, were converted.

The church has begun a campaign to reduce the church debt. It was announced at the annual meeting that \$1,500 had been pledged. Mite boxes, to be opened in June and December, were distributed among members.

The Oratorio chorus, which includes the choir and about 100 additional voices, began the rehearsal of "The Creation" on the first Monday in March. It is to be given in May.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

On January 22, the annual church meeting was held. Mr. Wm. Angus was elected deacon to succeed Mr. D. R. Howe, whose term expired.

On recommendation of the church committee, it was voted to adopt the use of individual communion cups.

On January 31, an offering amounting to \$358.01 was received for the benefit of the Hartford Hospital.

On Friday evening, February 12, the Young People's Society enjoyed a social in the church parlors. The entertainment provided was called "A Trip Around the World in 80 Minutes."

Arrangements for sittings, for the year beginning March 1, 1904, are now being made with Mr. E. W. Hooker of the business committee and Mr. Frank G. Smith of the seating committee.

The Year Book of the church is published this week and shows the present membership to be 750.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Since our last report from this church, we have lost one of our most valued church workers, Mrs. Ida Ford, who passed to her heavenly reward. Her many little unremembered acts of kindness can never be counted. She was a most practical Christian worker, and the Chinese Sunday-school will

miss her most. The Chinese men always held her in high esteem, as well as her own people. She lived the life of faith.

The Chinese Sunday-school will tender their teachers a New Year's entertainment Feb. 22.

The treasurer of the Sunday school, William Burgess Bassett, was married Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Trinity Church, to Bertha Wordin Messinger. Congratulations and best wishes are extended.

Mrs. E. W. Bull, who has been visiting in Brooklyn, N. Y., has returned for a short stay.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday evening, Feb. 14, our pastor spoke upon the religious character of Abraham Lincoln.

Thursday evening, Feb. 18, a native Syrian lectured upon life and customs in Jerusalem.

Thursday evening, Feb. 25, there is to be a missionary rally addressed by Mr. Hume, missionary in Bombay, India.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The program for the series of special services and sermons in Lent has been printed and issued to the members.

The rector, Rev. F. W. Harriman, has been taking a short vacation at Atlantic City, N. J., necessitated by ill health.

THE PEANUT LESSON.

A New York pastor was interviewed by a woman reporter on the subject of the Sunday paper, and this is the way he put the matter:

"Suppose you invite me as a friend to dine at your house and I accept. You would make a special preparation for my coming. It is a woman's way to give her best where she gives her confidence and friendship. So there you have a rich repast all ready against my coming. Now imagine my stopping at a street corner on my way to your home and gorging myself from the peanut stand of the noble Roman who deals out his wares to all who come, without a care of the consequences; I ask this common-sense question: What condition would I be in to enjoy your luscious viands, and what kind of courtesy or appreciation would this be for all your kindness in preparing for me? Well, my friend, you see the application of this without my making it. There across the street stands the house of the dearest friend I have ever had. One day out of seven he invites me there to meet with him and to commune with him and to receive from him such supply as he has especially provided and adapted to my hungry, needy, immortal soul. I ask again, is it consistent with a spiritual worship, is it conducive to a devotional mind, is it either courteous to God or just to myself if on the morning of that sacred day I fill my thoughts with the secularities, the commercialisms, the gossips, the scandals, the general excrescences of every-day rough and tumble life in this mammon-loving age?"

An interviewer's opinion does not enter into the consideration of a question, but this lady, after reflecting a moment, replied:

"I have never thought of this view of the matter before, and I confess I am able now to see but one fair answer to your question: It cannot be."

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A GOD OF WAR?

It must seem to most Americans, who believe that the present war has been forced by Russia, that in appealing to the Almighty for blessing on their arms, the Russians fairly affront the Majesty on High. With great pomp, the Czar, his nobles and the lesser populace invoke the Divine blessing—on what? On a great human slaughter already begun and ending, no man can say when. What toll of human blood and tears will this generation of Russians and Japanese pay! What toll of labor will future generations pay to meet the gigantic cost of a war such as this is likely to prove! How far backward will civilization be thrust, while these people for a season indulge in the pastime of their savage ancestors!

Will America profit by it? God forbid! For a season it may be that we

will reap a pecuniary harvest in supplying the munitions of war, but the nations of the world are now too closely allied, for a great war to be in progress, without ultimately grievously affecting all nations, more or less.

The world is the poorer for every battleship built and sunk and for the hundreds of thousands of men withdrawn from productive toil. And civilization and morals and true religion seem utterly lost in such an awful strife.

God, eventually, in His own mysterious way, may make the wrath of man to praise Him. But if the teachings of His Son as well as His own sublime example reveal aught to us, it is that the Almighty is not a God of war.

PATRIOTISM.

The subject of patriotism is especially prominent during the month of February, and as a virtue it will receive due recognition. Hero worship seems to be inborn faculty of the human mind and America has its heroes of whom we are all proud and whose deeds and whose memory we delight to honor.

It seems a pity that it is only our men whose warlike prowess, or whose services have been as actors or directors in scenes of war, should have all our acclaim. Isn't it a trace of the warlike and warloving blood in our veins, which makes us single out these men for our homage?

Yet how truly are those men patriots who in hospitals and in medical research have spent their lives for their fellows. How truly are those men heroes who combat in political life men strongly entrenched in positions where they can rob the public and ruin those who oppose them. In how many other callings do men show bravery and patriotism who have never handled a musket? And how many women there are, keenly sensitive to ridicule, and yet who chose rather to be called "cranks," than to let pass without their opposition, the liquor traffic and many other moral and civic evils?

When the human mind can divest itself of the traditions of the ages and recognize and applaud as bravery and patriotism these many other lines of heroic endeavor, then will the men of war share, as they should, their laurels with many others now obscure, but whose works have proved of even greater value to human life and happiness.

There would be a popular upheaval if the people of the United States knew how much they lose by the non-existence of a parcels-post like that of other civilized countries. The parcels-post of Great Britain will send a package from London to Oregon, across the At-

lantic and the American continent for less than half what it costs to send it from New York to Philadelphia! John Wanamaker, a man who knows, says the rate charged by our postoffice for merchandise is six thousand per cent. greater than that charged by Germany! He adds that "there are four insuperable obstacles to carrying parcels in the United States mail—four express companies." Congress will listen to remonstrances by and by.

The political situation in Hartford seems to be warming up, a sign, and the only one very apparent, that spring is approaching. The CHURCH REVIEW has not hitherto entered the political arena and it doesn't intend to, but it hopes the good men may be nominated and the best ones of the lot win.

Our Chief of Police is showing commendable activity and it is hoped that his zeal will not abate. Judge Clark's suggestion, however, he should bear in mind and his next ingathering of "fallen women" should be planned at an hour when a bunch of "fallen men" could also be collared.

The exchange corner whiskey sign has again received attention in hostile quarters during the past month, and it is hoped that the matter will not be allowed to rest until this public eyesore is removed.

Our leading article this month by Rev. William W. Ranney is a forcible plea for a more intellectual development of religious life, especially among our young people. It contains many points of vital interest and deserves a full and careful reading.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

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Naturally the excitements and calamities of the past week have had a more or less depressing influence in the financial world, and diverted attention from party politics. With the war news from the East, the burning of Baltimore, and the serious illness of prominent public men, stocks declined, and a more conservative tone became apparent in legislation. The President maintains an attitude of calm receptivity, ready at any moment to do what he can to aid the suffering and limit the area of hostilities in the Orient to

as small a sphere as possible. He is not the promoter of much of the legislation now before Congress, as the Service Pension bill for example, yet if it should come before him for his approval he would not veto it. The opposition to it is so strong in Congress and out there is small chance of its passing. It is gratifying to observe that numerous petitions are coming to Congress praying for a parcels-post. The people can have it if they demand it, and its benefits to commerce are so great as to ensure the ultimate triumph of the scheme. The German vote of the country is making such a vigorous protest against the proposed new regulation of the liquor traffic, it may be surmised that the bill to that end will be allowed to slumber. The Panama debate continues with waning interest and effect, and as soon as Senators quit talking against time a vote will be taken and the treaty ratified.

The prevalent fermentation on the public school question is felt in Washington seriously. Here, as elsewhere, the veneering policy prevails. It is urged that the high schools be constantly multiplied and enlarged at the expense of primary schools and that the "higher branches" must be sedulously taught, whether there is any elementary training or not. Children are crammed with Greek, German and trigonometry, even if they do not know how to spell or construct an ordinary English sentence. Not less than eight thousand children are running the streets and alleys of the capital of the United States who cannot get into any schoolhouse, because the money has been used to prepare the sons and daughters of the rich for college! For the same reason there are seventy-five thousand truants in the streets of New York City and two hundred thousand out of school in Michigan, and nearly as many in Illinois. What will it result in?

The Labor Commission bill which Congress is urged to pass provides for a permanent commission of six members to receive salaries of \$8,000 each per year, the same as the salary of our Cabinet ministers, and a \$4,000 secretary and all expenses. Their business will be to arbitrate a quarrel concerning wages when both contestants ask for it and to enforce the arbitration if both are willing to obey it. This is very arduous and costly.

Official opinion concerning the Eastern war is somewhat mixed, with a tendency to side with Japan. It is deeply felt, however, that Japan is merely a cat's paw of Great Britain, to pull John Bull's chestnuts out of the fire, and only pronounced Anglomaniacs warmly sympathize with the effort to dismantle Russia. There was a good

deal of sympathetic cheering at the news of the destruction of a Russian fleet.

Congress has invited a heap of trouble by giving a hundred thousand dollars to the Daughters of the Revolution to spend at the St. Louis Fair. At least four other organizations of women are up in arms about it and they are calling the recipients of Congressional favors all sorts of tough names, alleging that nothing can assuage their wrath and minimize their grief but a division of the swag. The National Women's Rights Convention is in session here and Susan Anthony and Carrie Catt have put their heads together and are outlining a campaign, with the fourth rule in arithmetic as their motto—Division.

CHINA'S WALLED CITIES AND THEIR MISSIONARY OCCUPATION.

"This is a field which I never before half appreciated. It is amazing; it almost passes belief. Numbers of cities there are yet within the oldest field—cities of from 75,000 to 300,000 population—in which there is not one Christian missionary or laborer of any name, or in which there is to be found only one native helper, lonely and feeble. In truth, the mighty cities of Nanking (with nearly a million souls) and Soochow and Hangchow (with half a million in each), and the densely peopled silk districts south and west of them, have been touched as yet by the church only with the tips of her fingers. All the missionaries in that region combined are little more than a mockery of its needs. And I am not referring, you notice, to the far-off reaches of the Yang-tse, with its twenty millions, nor to the colossal western provinces. The section to which I allude is perfectly accessible and near at hand. From Hangchow to Shanghai, one of the longest routes, I have traveled in much less than twenty-four hours in a little steam launch, by continuous canals. I was absolutely awestruck and dumb as I steamed, even on that short sail, past city after city, great and populous, one of which was a walled city of 300,000 souls, without one missionary of any Christian denomination whatever, and without so much as a native Chinese helper or teacher of any kind. That silent moonlight night, as I passed unnoticed by those long, dark battlements, shutting in their pagan multitudes, was one of the most solemn of my life; and the hours of daylight, when other cities, still larger than many of our American capitals, were continually coming into view, and the teeming populations of the canals and rivers and villages and fields and roads were before my eyes, kept adding to the burden of the night."

A Midocean Request.

On his journey to Australia, in the interest of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Clark sent this mid-Pacific request:

"Will you not (as many as are like minded) join with me for the next three months, or whenever you keep the Quiet Hour, in this form of united prayer?

"Our Father in heaven, bless us who unite in this prayer to Thee and our Christian Endeavor brothers and sisters in every land.

"Enlarge our fellowship; increase our faithfulness; make us more useful in Thy church. Move our hearts not only to pray, but to give as Thou hast prospered us, for this and every good cause. Bring young people who know Thee not to Thyself. Bless, we pray Thee, the Juniors that the boys and girls may be Thine.

"For the Christian Endeavor brotherhood in all denominations and in all the world we thank Thee. Make us worthy of large blessings and able to receive them. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

"Perhaps you will cut this out or copy it; it is not long. There is a fellowship in words even, and the fact that we are using the same petitions, framed in the same words, at the same time, will make us realize our kinship.

"Aside from this, in our Quiet Hour we shall have time for many and varied petitions, for this will hardly occupy sixty seconds, but it will be a golden chain to bind to the throne of God the hearts of all who use it."

I thank God that Christian Endeavor has never been uncertain as to the inspiration, the infallibility, the inerrancy of the word of God.—Rev. Dr. John F. Carson.

Do the Hard Thing.

Do anything—anything that God gives you to do. Occupy the hard places if those are the ones he calls you to fill.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark.

Five Anonymous Nuggets.

Remember, Junior workers, it is awfully important to catch the young men when they are boys.

When a society ceases to be active it's dead, and when it's dead it's no good.

We may pray for a hundred and a thousand, but they must be saved one by one. Keep this in mind, Endeavorers who labor as soul winners.

There is no substitute for the personal work in the church or in the Christian Endeavor society.

Some think that in the pledge we aim too high for them. Don't drop the standard to meet such. Bring them up to the standard.

For All.

Never think that a Christian Endeavor society is a coterie of young people of like ages who come into a meeting for a good time once a week. It ought to be for every young person within reach.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark.

What Its Initials Stand For.

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ENGLAND'S DRINK BILL.

Annual Expenditure In 1902 Was \$20.82 Per Capita.

Each year the Rev. Dawson Burns sends to the *London Times* a letter on the amount of money spent annually in the United Kingdom for drink, with a comparison of the amount spent in previous years. This statement is carefully compiled, says the *Boston Herald*, and has gained the reputation of being almost an official statement.

The first table presented in this letter shows the quantity and cost of the liquors consumed in the United Kingdom. This estimates the consumption of British spirits at 35,339,523 gallons; other spirits, 8,778,200 gallons; beer, 85,243,472 barrels; wine, 15,348,242 gallons, and British wines, cider, etc., 15,000,000 gallons. The spirits were figured to cost \$6.44 per gallon, the beer \$14.60 a barrel, wine \$4.38 per gallon and domestic wines, cider, etc., 49 cents per gallon. On this showing the expenditure for spirits in the year 1902 was \$292,279,915; for beer, \$528,652,080; for wine, \$69,067,090, and for British wine, cider, etc., \$7,500,000. This gives the enormous total of \$897,499,085. This total is, however, \$11,192,140 less than the figures for the previous year, 1901. The reduction comes from a decrease in the amount spent for spirits, \$7,516,660, and beer, \$3,979,980, while there was a slight gain, \$304,500, in the wine bill.

In 1902 the population of the United Kingdom was officially estimated at 41,952,510. On that basis the average drink expenditure in 1902 was \$20.82 a head, while, allowing five for the family, this made an expenditure of \$104.10 for each household.

Dividing the drinks into four classes, the average consumption per capita figures out: Spirits, 1.05 gallons, at a cost of \$6.78; beer, 30.3 gallons, at a cost of \$12.27; wine, .37 gallon, at a cost of \$1.60; other liquors, .35 gallon, at a cost of 17 cents.

DEATH FOR DRUNKARDS.

Fate of Albanians Who Persist In Becoming Intoxicated.

Here is a graduation of penalties for a "plain drunk," which seems to indicate that higher civilization is more tolerant of intoxication than benighted communities or communities so considered:

In this country, \$2 and costs.

In Persia, eighty lashes on the soles of the feet.

In Turkey, the bastinado to a more severe extent.

In Albania, death.

In the three latter instances the extreme penalty is given above. Before the officials give a man up as confirmed in his cups they lecture him. In Persia they put him on the black list first and forbid him the bazaars except in certain hours and then under police supervision and also places of amusement and worship.

In Turkey the offender receives an admonition and is fined for the first offense, and the bastinado is applied afterward if the crime be repeated.

Among the mountaineers of Albania and Montenegro drunkenness is regarded as a political offense and for that reason is considered more serious than if it were a moral one.

Among the mountaineers fighting and drinking are not considered to go together, and to be able to fight is the first duty of a citizen. Therefore the drunkard is harshly dealt with. At first they try moral suasion with the festive tippler, but when that fails and he persists in making the mountain peaks ring to his Montenegrin substitute for "We don't go home till morning," he is declared to be a danger and a disgrace to his tribe and his country and is quietly assassinated by order of the local chief.

Abstinence Labor Unions.

Der Abstinenz, the organ of the abstaining union laborers of Germany and Austria, announces the formation of the League of Abstaining Laborers in Leipzig, a Laborers' Total Abstinence society of Bremen and suburbs, a Society of Abstaining Laboring Men and Women in Berlin and another of the same name in Dresden. Other laborers' societies have recently been organized in Kiel and elsewhere in Germany, in Switzerland and in Austria. The singing section of the abstaining laborers holds its special meeting for practice in song, and the entertainment feature is especially prominent.

Rocky Road For Saloonists.

The saloon men of Waco, Tex., who have refused to close their places of business on Sunday are having a rocky road to travel. Two of the men kept open on Sunday, and they have been prosecuted in the city and justice courts. It cost one of them \$150 in the city court and the other \$80. These same men have been prosecuted in the justice court. They have entered pleas of guilty in this court and will not fight the cases any longer. The saloon men who have entered the agreement are aiding in the prosecution.

ALCOHOL AND ANIMALS.

Startling Results of French Scientist's Experiments.

Of course a fish, in spite of damaging and libelous comparisons, does not drink alcoholic beverages to excess. A French scientist, Professor Archant, has, however, forced unwelcome alcohol into gold fish for experiment, says *Figaro*. The fish after the introduction of alcohol into the water of the aquarium swims merrily about his globe for awhile, then drops to the bottom, lies on his side and looks silly.

Professor Archant has tried alcohol upon other creatures. A dog's stomach, for instance, will not retain pure alcohol. It is necessary to give him a 10 per cent mixture, about the strength of ordinary claret. Even this has to be

piped straight into his stomach or he would veto the arrangement.

Released, the dog frisks about as if happy. Later he becomes sleepy, maudlin and reproachful. He thinks of all his past sins and seems ashamed. Presently he tries to walk about and finds his legs ill balanced. Not until after a long sleep does he recover.

Other animals differ somewhat in their programme. The rabbit wastes no time, but goes to sleep at once. The kangaroo wants to fight. The guinea pig goes into convulsions.

The doctor tries his experiments for the purpose of finding exactly how alcohol acts. Analyzing the blood of his "specimens" at various stages, he announces that if you examine the blood ten hours after taking alcohol you will find traces of it, and if you examine it again twenty hours after it has reached the stomach analysis will still reveal the presence of alcohol. So that those who are given to the frequent consumption of liquors must accumulate a quantity of alcohol in the system with disastrous consequences.

ABSTAIN OR GO TO JAIL.

How Judge Pollard of St. Louis Treats "Drunks."

Judge William Jefferson Pollard of the Second district police court of St. Louis does not apply hot and rebellious liquors to his blood, and he disapproves of the cup that cheers and inebriates. He also disapproves of men who do things that they should not do, but he sympathizes with those of that ilk who present the excuse that they were drunk "at the time."

Judge Pollard is not only a man who thinks, but a man who acts. He recently had a printed form of oath to be subscribed to by men who have been convicted of drunkenness in his court.

Say the defendant's name is John Jones, and he has been convicted of disturbing the peace of Mehitabel Jones, and the judge has fined him \$50. The court says: "Mr. Jones, I appreciate the fact that it would be a hardship on your family for you to pay this fine or go to the workhouse, yet I feel that you deserve to be punished. It appears clear to my mind that you have violated the law, because you were drunk. Your being drunk was a result of your fondness for intoxicating liquors. The proper punishment for you, therefore, is to enforce your abstinence for a certain period. Are you willing to quit drinking for a specified term of your own accord or would you prefer to go to the workhouse and quit because you cannot get it?"

The prisoner naturally says that he had rather do without his glass and be free than be a prisoner and abstain. Then the judge produces a form, and he signs it. The form is simply an oath that the signer will "touch not, taste not," for a specified term.

To Imprison Habitual Drunkards.

Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania has signed a bill to provide for

the commitment of persons habitually addicted to the use of alcoholic drink or intoxicating drugs to a hospital or asylum on petition to the court of two relatives or friends of the alleged drunkard. Before such person is admitted into the institution payment must have been made or security given to the authorities for his board, care and treatment and to indemnify them from all cost and expense. No person shall be kept in restraint for more than one year, and all commitments under the act are reviewable by habeas corpus proceedings at any time.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

A nation that has not God for its king is already tottering to its doom.—Rev. Peter C. Yorke, Catholic, East Oakland, Cal.

Good Advice.

It is well if a family go to church on Sunday, but the back alley should not be neglected on Monday.—Rev. Henry Gardner, Presbyterian, St. Louis.

The One Christ.

We shall never see another Christ. We may look for another Shakespeare, Goethe, Washington or Lincoln, but not another Christ.—Rev. S. P. Cadman, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Science and Faith.

Science has been a friend and to religion, and scientific demonstrations have strengthened the faith of Christians, but science is not exact knowledge. The finality of things we do not know; we only trust.—Rev. Dr. T. McKim Brown, Germantown, Pa.

Power of Light.

It is a great paradox to say that light is full of mystery, but it is the fact, and no greater scientist can deny it. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness God manifested in the flesh. Light has incorruptible purity. It repels defilement.—Rev. E. M. Jones, Baptist, Pittsburg.

God's Discipline.

The hard experiences of life are God's discipline by which he tests us and purges out the dross that the pure gold may appear. We do not know what impatience, rebellion, sin, lurks in our heart until we pass through God's fiery tests.—Rev. Dr. David G. Wylie, Scotch Presbyterian, New York.

Forms of Socialism.

Some of the most important government functions, some of the most beneficial laws of civilized countries today, are pure forms of socialism, and nobody thinks anything about it. In fact, the abstract principle is now purely a question of accommodation to modern life.—Rev. D. Beaton, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Wicked Ignorance.

To live in a world where for thousands of years the energies of truth, spirit and high personal passion have been asserting themselves triumphantly over the coarse obstacles of rock, carnality and savagery and yet to have no knowledge of what has been going on is ignorance so densely ignorant as

to be wicked.—Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Presbyterian, New York.

The Longing for Peace.

Peace must enter into the heart and mind of every man, because that is what he is longing for. It is either a peace with God or among men. The meaning of this peace is best understood by contrast with the anxiety, strife and suffering of the world. In this light one is forced to believe in the words of St. Augustine that "peace is the tranquillity of order which has been established between man and his Creator." Once this order is broken, strife and worry ensue.—Mgr. O'Connell, Catholic, Washington.

Jesus in Everyday Life.

You wrong yourself when you banish Jesus from the realm of everyday life. The "healing of his seamless robe" should be by every bed of pain. The presence of the risen Lord will open our eyes to the greater opportunities of life. When God breathes on a soul it looks up. The greatest artists, poets, inventors, philanthropists and statesmen are found in Christian lands. The best in every nation comes from its religion. Pagan Africa has little to give to the world. The risen, ever present Christ is the inspiration to the best.—Rev. Dr. Polonus H. Swift, Methodist, Chicago.

Banishes Fear of Death.

That undiscovered country from whose bounds no other traveler but Christ hath ever returned in glory was thoroughly explored by the Saviour of the world when he yielded up his life upon the cross. Into its furthest depths he penetrated, the depths of joy and the depths of gloom. The crystal gates of paradise swung open to greet him as he told the noblest penitents of all preceding time that mankind was at last redeemed, that sin and death had been finally vanquished by the incarnate Son of God. Henceforth we Christians fear not death.—Rev. Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Episcopalian, Chicago.

The Value of Our Thoughts.

It is worthy of notice that the soul becomes spiritual or carnal through the state or action of the mind. The thoughts cherished have a formative, degrading or elevating power. As one thinks so is he. Every man is made by his thoughts. So long as the mind dwells chiefly on material and sensuous things so long one is carnal, and he cannot be otherwise. But when the thoughts are turned toward spiritual things, toward the realities of the spiritual world, and when these are held in studious contemplation the mind becomes spiritual. In all such cases the result is wrought through the truth.—Dr. J. E. Gilbert, Methodist, Washington.

The Redemption of the World.

The divine command given to the children of Israel "that they go forward" is applicable to the children of God at the present time. I believe we are at a crisis in the world's history. In 1890 my father preached a sermon entitled "Last Decade of the Century."

By it he tried to show how early the world could be brought to Christ within ten years if every Christian would annually before only ascending to Christ and then descending in turn would also individually bring one soul to Christ every following year. But to-day I want to show that the world can be brought to Christ even in less time than that if the Christian Church will only realize her full opportunity and principle.—Rev. Dr. Fred. De Witt Edwards, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Let me tell you a story often not a perfected intellect, but a hard heart, that keeps men from Christ.—Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

Success in Life.

To be steadfast and faithful is by no means to be confused with being successful. It is not the grandest thing in life to be successful.—Rev. Dr. John T. M. Johnston, Baptist, St. Louis.

Sincerity the Test.

It does not make a man a Christian just because he attends church regularly, reads the Bible and mumbles a few prayers. He must be sincere in all he does.—Rev. W. S. Rainsford, Episcopalian, New York.

The March of Civilization.

The world is not outgrowing Christ. Religious traditions may try to unchristianize the centuries, but he still asserts his divinity in the march of civilization.—Rev. F. C. Bremmer, Methodist, Normal Park, Ill.

God in History.

Chance does not rule the world. There is a supernatural as well as a natural element among the forces that have operated to build up national life. Providence in history means God at work for the good of the entire race.—Rev. Dr. Polonus H. Swift, Methodist, Chicago.

Cannot Take God Away.

Columbus once asked his friend Percolus, "Why are you always smiling?" To this the other replied, "Because no one can take my God from me." We rejoice in this our quiet confidence in God, which secures to us a settled past and a glorious future.—Rev. Dr. John Lloyd Lee, Presbyterian, New York.

Influence of Puritan Teachings.

We may say what we choose in ridicule or contempt of the mechanical side of Puritan training as it shows itself in the traditions. What you and I know is that enough of them lived to God's glory to give a moral element to the whole legislation of the infant state and that the hopeful element that we now call public spirit was the dominant element.—Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Unitarian, Boston.

Foundation of True Nobility.

Jesus said, "Whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister." The foundation of the true nobility of America is service. The faithful teacher, the honorable business man, the incorruptible statesman, the faithful mother who brings up her children in the love of patriotism and brotherhood—these are the true nobles of our republic.—Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, Baptist, Boston.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Hillyer Institute, in spite of very great difficulties this past season, announces a total enrollment of 257 different students, a difference of 6 over last season. The greatest interest is manifested by a class of over 50 men in First Aid to the Injured. This study is conducted by several of the leading physicians. The annual banquet of the students will be held on Wednesday, March 16.

The Debating Club of the Institute is well attended and a keen interest manifested by the young men. Last week, Rev. Ashley Day Leavitt of the South Congregational church addressed the club on the Lincoln-Douglas debates. A club is being organized among young men to save money with the view of attending the World's Fair at St. Louis.

The Sunday meetings at the Hartford Opera House are well sustained, the attendance during the last four Sundays averaging about 800 men. On Sunday, February 28, the speaker will be Prof. John B. DeMotte, A.M., M.D., Ph.D. Prof. DeMotte is of the most brilliant scientific lecturers before the public to-day. On Saturday evening, in Unity Hall, February 27, he will give his great lecture on the "Harp of the Senses," which will be profusely and beautifully illustrated by stereopticon. A great meeting is being planned for at the Opera House on Sunday, March 6, when

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, will give his great address, "Is There a Solution for the Labor Problem?"

The social gatherings at the building under the auspices of the young people of the different denominations are proving a very pleasant feature. Wednesday evening, February 24, there will be a large reception under the auspices of the Methodist young people of the city. These social gatherings are open to the general public.

The Boys' Sunday afternoon meetings held in the Association building every Sunday, at 3 o'clock, have had an average attendance of 80 during the past two months. The attendance is limited to boys over 12 years of age. Three Bible study classes are now conducted for boys, two on Saturdays and one on Sunday at the close of the boys' meeting. A religious service for boys under 12 has been conducted on Saturdays at 11 o'clock, in Jewell Hall, when Mr. Jacks, General Secretary, has given the boys some illustrated story. Over 110 boys have attended each meeting. The attendance upon classes in the Physical Department has been very large this winter. The improvements in the bathing department have been greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the men.

Some Philadelphians visited Richmond, Va., and, asking as to the use of this and that large building, were told in every case that it was a tobacco factory. An aged negro gave them the information, and they, tiring of the monotony of the reply, pointed to a white frame building on a hill, and asked whose tobacco factory that was. The old fellow replied: "Dat, sah, am no fact'ry. Dat am S'n John's 'Piscopal church, where Marse Patrick Henry done get up an' ax de Lawd to gib him liberty or gib him deaf." "Well, Uncle," asked one of the trio, "which did the Lord give him?" "Pears to me yo' must be strangers hereabouts," he answered; "else yo'd all know dat, in due time, de Lawd gabe Marse Henry bofe."—*New York Tribune*.

How many of us have even a desire to forget an unkindness? For this desire we should pray.—*Spurgeon*.

"He said he'd die if I didn't marry him."

"And still you refused?"

"Yes. I wished to find out before promising whether he really loved me as much as that or not. Oh, Harriet, I'm p-p-perfectly miserable. He seems to be wretchedly healthy, and I d-do love him so much!"—*Chicago Record-Herald*.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The quarterly meeting of the Union was held Friday, Feb. 12, in South Baptist church, and was indeed a profitable meeting, though very few were in attendance.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Main, pastor of the church. Nelson B. Bassett had charge of the song service. The opening address was given by Rev. Burdette B. Brown on "Christ's Message to Young People." In his remarks he gave three definite messages to be considered: 1st, "God's Love to Man;" 2d, "Man's Need of God;" 3d, "The Dignity of Service." I am inclined to feel that if Endeavorers of Hartford Union realized the immense dignity of the privilege of serving under the leadership of the Master, more would have been present.

Rev. Mr. Tuthill, of East Hartford Congregational church, spoke next on the theme: "The Young Peoples Need of Christ," and asked, "Do we need Him?" If we had more of the Christ life we would have better meetings. He came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. There is need of an evidence and certainty of more life.

Rev. W. H. Main, D. D., gave the closing address on "What Can We Do to Bring Our Young People to Christ and Christ to Them." He referred to Paul as the soul winner and thought the 3d chapter of 2d Timothy one that would help in the discussion. He said in part: Stir up the gift of God. Know your Bible, or our Bible, as he expressed it. Live the life of Christ. The purpose of the Christian is to serve God. Be filled with a holy purpose.

The Consecration service was led by Rev. S. E. MacGeehon, of the Glenwood Congregational church.

The State C. E. convention will be held this year Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7, 8, 9, in Park Congregational church, this city. Revs. W. B. Tuthill and D. W. Howell and Mr. F. E. Tolhurst are the committee of arrangements.

PRESDEINT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

Our midwinter Union meeting was held Feb. 12, in the South Baptist church. It was a notable meeting from

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two points of view: First, we had a splendid list of speakers, that were just full of their subjects, which they presented to their hearers in a manner that was helpful to a renewed and better work. I wish there had been a large number to have been sharers in the good things.

The second point was not helpful; it was discouraging. Your officers worked hard to obtain a good meeting. The attendance was light—very many societies not being represented. It is hard to tell just why it was so, and perhaps it is better not to try.

I think we should do better at our next meeting, plans for which are now under way. One feature will be the social hour, but more about it later and through the regular notice.

I would like to make a suggestion to the directors of every society, and that is that they make a great feature of the notice; simply reading it is not enough; talk it over with your membership; canvas the matter; see how many you can get to agree to attend. Be as thorough about it as you would be if it were to be a church supper or an entertainment. Advertise the subject, speakers, time and place. Ask your pastor to help you by a reading of notice in the regular church services. Try to enthuse the members and those you wish to make members.

I believe that by doing a "hustling work," our Union meetings will take on a strength which will prove a power of help to individual societies. In that way we may become Endeavorers in practice, as well as theory. Just say, *I will.*

Yours in Christian Endeavor.

ALBERT H. BROOKS, President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Feb. 21—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Some good ways of using the Sabbath.—Mark i, 21-34.

For many generations the stress laid upon the Sabbath has been from a negative rather than an affirmative standpoint. The emphasis has been placed upon what we should not do rather than upon what we should do. And it may be that if more time and thought had been given to the things to be done less would have needed to be said upon the subject of what we should not do. The best way to overcome evil is by the substitution of good. "Cease to do evil, learn to do well," says the prophet Isaiah, but the best way in all the world to cease to do evil is to learn to do well. He who does well will have neither time nor inclination to do ill. So he that keeps the Sabbath day will have no time to break it. He that fills every hour of this day with things that are permissible will have no time to engage in those things that are prohibited by the laws of God and of man.

What, then, are some good ways of using the Sabbath? The incident selected for our study is that of Christ at Capernaum on a certain Sabbath day. There He entered into the synagogue, taught and healed a man possessed of an evil spirit, and in these events we may learn how we may make a good use of the Sabbath.

1. On the Sabbath day we should worship God in the public place of worship. The public worship of God has always been exacted of His people. It is not enough to have private devotions in the home, nor will the admiration of God in the works of nature suffice; we must not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together." The soul needs to worship God, and this public worship would protect us from many temptations to break the Sabbath. The office or business place could not be visited, the morning could not be spent in reading the Sunday newspapers, all day visits could not be made to friends, keeping them from their duties to God, if we regularly worshiped God in His house on the Sabbath.

2. On the Sabbath day we could be engaged in teaching. Christ "entered into the synagogue and taught." Teachers are needed in the church, in the home and in various other places on the Sabbath day. Children in the homes need to be taught the Bible and Christian duties. With few exceptions our Sabbath schools need faithful and efficient teachers, and outside of these there are non-Christian homes where the teaching of the word of God would be welcomed, and public charitable institutions where the same would be true. Teaching God's word is a good work, and many could do it who are now spending the Sabbath in idleness.

3. On the Sabbath day we should do good to others. Christ did good upon the Sabbath. So may and should we upon the same day. Many about us need our sympathy, encouragement and help. If we would give it as literally as the Master did we would not want for good uses to make of the Sabbath day.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. ii, 1, 2; Ex. xvi, 11-30; xx, 8-11; Deut. v, 12-14; Neh. x, 31; Jer. xvii, 21-27; Mark ii, 23-28; iii, 1-5; Luke iv, 16; Heb. x, 23-25.

Topic For the Week Beginning Feb. 28—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Heroism and other lessons from China.—Acts xiv, 19-23.

There is no Christian mission field that has not its stories of self denial and heroism to tell. These characteristics are seen in the apostle Paul upon his first great missionary journey, as illustrated in the passage before us. Paul is at Lystra and has been received with favor for his work's sake. But enemies come from Antioch and Iconium. The people are stirred up against the apostle. They stone him and carry him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. But he was not so, and as the disciples stood about him he arose, went back into the city and thence to Derbe, continuing to preach the gospel. Is not this heroism? And yet it is but the story that may be told of every missionary field.

Turn from Asia Minor to China and to modern missions, and you will find this assuredly true. I have on the wall of my study a picture containing the

portrait of one who superbly sums up people, time, place and home. I look at these men. They have no handsome, intellectual and useful in appearance. Their every expression shows effort and sacrifice. Beneath this little group I read these words: "Martyred Missionaries of Pekingfu, China, June 30, 1900."

June 30, 1900! Over 1,800 years since Paul was supposedly martyred at Lystia yet still the war of martyrdom goes on to leading the world to Christ, and we have going forth this group of martyrs, my teachers, "Heroism and other lessons from China." The names of these missionaries are Rev. F. E. Simcox and wife, Dr. C. A. Hodge and wife and Dr. George Y. Taylor.

1. Missions in China teach heroism, and nowhere is this better illustrated than in our group of martyrs. They knew of the danger, and of their danger, yet they heroically stood at their post of duty. When their mission house was attacked Mr. Simcox had firearms, with which he might have caused great destruction among his persecutors, but he threw them down, refusing to use them. The house was set on fire, and there they stood, these brave heroes and their children, and died as heroically as any martyrs ever died for Christ. The last seen of them was Mr. Simcox holding in his arms his little child as the flames leaped all about them. Such examples should spur us all to Christian heroism. We should dare to do our duty no matter what may be the difficulties or dangers that surround us.

Where duty calls or danger
Be never wanting there.

2. Missions in China teach lessons of sacrifice and self denial. These young people were all from Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Hodge were Philadelphians and members of two honored Philadelphia families. They all left homes of comfort, even of luxury, to go to China to preach the gospel and heal the sick for Christ's sake. None but those who go know what it costs to leave home and country and to go to a foreign mission field, where you are cut off from all familiar associations except with the little band of people at the mission station. We speak of our self denial for Christ, but what is it in comparison to the sacrifices of those who leave all for Him and risk all for Him? Let us think of the Hodges and Simcoxes occasionally and ask ourselves, What have we done for Christ in comparison to those who have died for Him in distant lands with no human eye to pity and no human hand to save?

3. Missions in China teach lessons of loyalty. This is beautifully illustrated in our little group of martyrs. Dr. Taylor was absent from the mission house at Pekingfu when the danger became most imminent. He had gone away on a business trip, but had promised to return. But before returning he heard of the danger that threatened his friends. Other friends pleaded with him not to return, but he listened not to their entreaties, but went back

to keep his promise and to live life or death with his association. The result might be. What a story of loving loyalty and how it should teach us to be loyal to our friends, and especially to our greatest friend, the Master Himself!

THREE READINGS.

Ps. lxxii, 8, 17-19; Isa. vi, 1-8; xxxv, 1-10; Matt. x, 16-33; Luke x, 1-12; xxiv, 45-48; Acts i, 1-11; xv, 26; Rom. x, 14, 15; II Cor. xi, 18-33

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning March 6.

Topic.—How Christ stills the storms of life.—Ps. cvii, 23-31.

Life has often been likened to a sea, and in this portion of the One Hundred and Seventh Psalm God's providence to those upon the sea in the midst of a storm is described, and it may speak to us of God's power in Christ to still the storms of our lives. God's chosen people were not especially a seafaring people. For the most part they dreaded the sea, and yet they had an important seaport at Joppa, and some of them engaged in maritime pursuits. They went down to the sea (the Mediterranean) and did business in great waters—great in contrast with the inland seas of Palestine. "These saw the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep." They saw sudden and great storms, common on the Mediterranean as on the sea of Galilee, and God's deliverance of His people even as Christ stilled the waves of the Galilee by saying, "Peace, be still."

The storms of the mighty deep are symbolical of the storms on the sea of life. The wind is contrary, the waves mount up to heaven, our souls melt away in trouble, we reel to and fro and are at our wits' end. Human ingenuity seems to be at an end, and we indeed know not what to do. Nor are these exceptional cases. Every life has its storms as well as its calms, its sorrows as well as its joys, its afflictions as well as its satisfactions. "Into every life some rain must fall and some days be dark and dreary." And yet we need never despair. Our "extremity becomes God's opportunity." We can call upon the Lord in our trouble, and He will bring us out of our distresses. "He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still," and we can be glad because they are quiet and be brought by Him to our desired haven, and the goodness of God thus manifested toward us should lead us to praise Him.

God stills the storms of human life by His Son Jesus Christ. Christ spoke to the waves of the sea, and they were stilled, and so He can speak peace to the human heart and cause it to be still. To us, as to the disciples of old, He says, "Let not your heart be troubled." "I will not leave you comfortless." "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you," and if we will trust Him we will have peace of mind and stillness of soul (instead of mental restlessness and spiritual disquiet).

Christ is also our guide, our pilot over the sea of life. He not only stills the storm but "He bringeth us unto our

desired haven." Some of us may think that we can guide our own lives, but we are much mistaken. We need Him every hour of life, and He never fails. By His holy spirit, by His word, which is "a lamp to our feet," by His providence and by His church and its sacraments and other means of grace He brings us at last to heaven, our desired haven. Let us therefore accept Him as our pilot and ever pray:

Jesus! Steady pilot,
Over life's tempestuous sea.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. lxx, 1-7; lxxxix, 1-9; xciii, 1-5; cxiv, 1-8; Prov. viii, 29, 30; Isa. xxvi, 1-5; Mark iv, 35-41; John xiv, 1-3, 27; Acts xxvii, 14-25, 41-44; Rev. xxi, 1.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning March 13.

Topic.—Appetites that unmake men.—Dan. v, 1-5, 25-28.

It has been calculated that over 90 per cent of men who start out in a business career in life fail in it some time and that the vast majority of men who live to be threescore years and ten are at that age dependent upon some one else. This is a sad record. Failure in business, failure in self support, are not pleasant experiences, and yet there are failures that are even worse than these. Many men who do not fail in business are nevertheless unmade men, and, taken together with all others who are unmade morally and spiritually, they compose a great host of men. And what is sadder in life than an unmade man, the failure of one who possessed talent and opportunity and yet by yielding to some base appetite unmakes himself—a Brutus, unmade by inordinate ambition; a Mark Antony, unmade by sensuality; a Belshazzar, unmade by an inordinate desire for show and vain-glory; a Napoleon, unmade by gluttony!

The appetites that unmake men are not a few. They are intemperance, lust, gluttony, ambition, the greed for gold and many others. Nor is it the appetite itself that is at fault, but the inordinate and immoderate development and exercise of it. Every appetite of life has its legitimate place and purpose, but if it be abused in many cases it leads to ruin and destruction. When God looked upon the world which He had made His verdict upon it was that it was very good, and the world is still good today if we use it properly. It is not the use of the world that unmakes men, but the abuse of it. It is one of the sad facts of life that that which is good may be abused and become an evil. Proper ambition is most worthy, and without it success in life is highly improbable. But the pathway of life is strewn with the wrecked lives of an inordinate ambition. The desire for wealth is not of itself a fault, but when greed becomes a god the better self of the man is soon unmade. The physical appetites play an important part in our lives when properly controlled, but when they are abused, when they are debased into gluttony, intemperance and lust, how soon they unmake the man.

When it comes to the appetites, therefore, the problem to solve is how to use them and not abuse them, how to control them instead of having them control us, how to have their influence in making us what we should be rather than in unmaking us, and this is no light problem. To solve it successfully we need the wisdom and grace of God as well as the exercise of our best care, judgment and power of will. Constant carefulness should be our attitude. Some things, such as intemperance, should be guarded against altogether. Total abstinence is the only safeguard against strong drink. In other cases, where proper indulgence of the appetite is necessary, we must by divine and personal power keep ourselves masters of the situation. Every appetite must be held firmly in hand. Therefore let us "watch and pray that we enter not into temptation."

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. xix, 24-26; II Sam. xv, 1-6, with II Sam. xviii, 9-15; Ps. i, 1-6; Prov. iii, 1-7; xx, 1; xxiii, 1-5; 20, 21, 29-32; Matt. vi, 24; Gal. v, 19-26.

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Rev. J. Willbur Chapman, D. D., is one of the most widely known evangelistic preachers of the day. He is an enthusiastic Christian Endeavorer and has had flourishing societies in each of the churches of which he has been pastor. He has made a large reputation as a conductor of Quiet Hour services in connection with international Christian Endeavor conventions, has written several books for Christian Endeavorers and was counted one of the best presidents the New York city union has had. He also served one term as vice president of the New York state union.



REV. J. WILLBUR CHAPMAN, D. D.

Evangelistic Study Classes.

I wish there might be in every society an evangelistic study class where we shall study our Bibles and methods of work in preparation for personal effort. I am convinced that we have not given this line the consideration which it deserves. Shall it not be the motto of every society this year, "Something definite for souls?" If this is to be realized, we shall need, first, a new grip on God. Whatever we do must be done under the guidance of His spirit and with a simple dependence upon Him. Then a new grip on ourselves. Let us gather up every gift and grace which He has entrusted to us. Then a new grip on our work, that all we are and all we have may be invested, as He intends it shall be, for His glory and the salvation of the lost.—New York State President Hallenbeck.

"What Christian Endeavor Has Done For Me."

Rev. B. Q. Denham, vice president of the New York State union, is pastor of the Church of Disciples of Christ, New York city. His society recently considered the above topic, and some of the thoughts brought out were so suggestive as to be worthy of being given this wide publicity. Here are some of the points made: "Trained me to testify. Tied me to my church through my work in the Christian Endeavor society. Made me a 'comrade of the quiet hour' for Bible study and meditation. Taught me to search the Bible, whereas I formerly read it mechanically. Trained my zeal. Has given me the vision of a cleaner life. Taught me the right spirit in which to pray. Taught me to seek, not to read merely, but to understand what the Bible says. Has given me some of the best friends this old world ever saw. Led me to give my life to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Led me to keep all the Lord's day for God's work. Has helped me to a closer communion with God. Cheers my life. Has taught me to do the little things of service. Made me feel the importance of doing any little good deed. Causes me to realize the closeness of Christ. Has taught me how Christ loves me. Has kept me young in heart and spirit."

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Our Work For Christ.

Sometimes we show a wrong conception of Christian Endeavor by striving to work up to Christ instead of out from Him. We need more consecrated purpose, more holy endeavor, in our work for Christ.—Rev. Edwin Forrest Hallenbeck, D. D.

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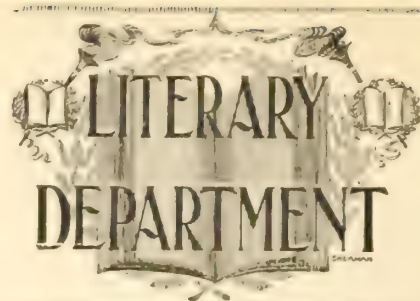
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The February *Monthly* contains a stirring article by Ray Stannard Baker on the labor situation in San Francisco. Mr. Baker has just been there, and he finds the worst monopoly in town to be "A Corner in Labor."

The *Burr McIntosh Monthly* for February is a pictorial *Monthly*. Volume Number 1 is called, but the pictures cover many interesting events and scenes, from the Adirondacks to Palm Beach; from New York to Chicago; amongst which are Harpers Ferry, Confederate and National Cemeteries, Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, and Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Adirondack Camp. These are in addition to the usual number of full-page panel pictures of celebrities, many of which are in color.

From "Fact and Fancy," Mr. Carman's essay in the February number of *The Literary World*, we quote the following:

"Between fancy and fact lies the dilemma we call life. On the one hand, things as they are; on the other, things as we would have them be. On the one side, the solid, durable, implacable circumstance; on the other, the plastic will, the devious desire, the incertitude of mind. And yet the fact is not established beyond the influence of fancy. We are no more victims of circumstance than circumstance is the shadow of ourselves. We are moulded, we say, by the conditions and surroundings in which we live; but we too often forget that the environment is largely what we make it."

I'm in low spirits about "The New-comers." It's not good. It's stupid. It haunts me like a great stupid ghost. I think it says, "Why do you go on writing this rubbish? You are old, you have no more invention, etc. Write sober books, books of history, leave novels to younger folks." You see half of my life is grumbling; and lecturing or novel-writing or sentimentalizing I am never content.—From the Thackeray Letters now being published by The Century.

There are a number of remarkable articles in *Leslie's Monthly* for February, as well as one short story. The magazine sent a special correspondent to Montana to investigate the conditions there in the struggle between them and the Amalgamated Copper Company backed by the Standard Oil interests, and his article is a most startling story of industrial warfare, and one that is particularly interesting from the fact that the contest is still at its height.

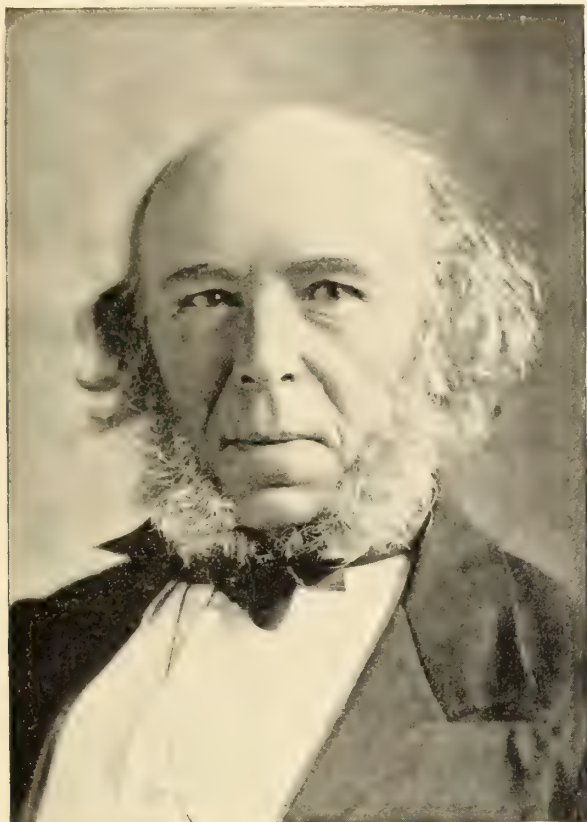
Christus Victor. By Henry Nehemiah Dodge. 196 pages, 32 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.00.

This poem is also called "A Student's Reverie." There is something irritating in a Latin title, which may be only due to a natural resentment against the use, in a live country, of a dead language which is not universally understood.

Fortunately, in this case the title has

Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

Of the popular writers, Miss Glasgow is very near the front rank, not so much for her imaginative gifts, as for the extreme care and polish given to work more the result of keen observation and clear understanding of men, women and events. One is prejudiced in her favor for a knowledge of these virtues and there is nothing to disappoint the reader in this volume,



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Liturgical Services for Use in Churches.

Arranged by Rev. Reuben Thomas, D. D. 78 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press.

There has been an increasing demand among Congregational churches for a simple liturgical service book. The publishers arranged for this demand this little volume, which, in great part, the editor had used in his own services for some years. It is therefore a very satisfactory compilation.

The Deliverance. By Ellen Glasgow. 543 pages, 12 mo. New York:

for, while it is not so good a story as "The Voice of the People," it is a better written, more substantial, one.

Briefly, it is a story of the revenge sought by Christopher Blake, a young giant of the tobacco fields. Other elements and purposes complicate the progress of the story and serve to give a picture of conditions in Virginia just after the Civil War.

The illustrations in color are well done.

The Life Radiant. By Lillian Whiting. 375 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.00.

To portray a practical ideal for daily living is surely a worthy undertaking. That Miss Whiting embodies the sweetness and exaltation of faith that give enchantment to life, one feels like believing, after a study of this little work.

One cannot but admire the writer's earnestness of purpose and it seems almost prosaic to venture the suggestion that Miss Whiting does not take the practical enough into consideration, when she is idealizing. However, her books have done much good—what greater thing could be asked?

Shipmates in Sunshine. By F. Frankfort Moore. 410 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a light and fanciful narrative dealing with the romances and mysteries developing in the course of a sea trip through semi-tropical islands.

The principal feature of the trip was the love-affair of a young lady, who, though closely guarded, managed to have her own way. The plot is an ingenious one and is told with wit and analytic skill.

My Friend Prospero. By Henry Harland. 317 pages, 12 mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.50.

Any one familiar with the light, witty and masterful style of Harland's more characteristic work may be assured that he has never written a narrative more sustained in charm, buoyancy and in geniusness.

The plot is clever and novel. A young and brilliant Englishman meets the beautiful heroine, while both are sojourning in the mountains of Italy. Through a fancy, they both conceal their real names and in the love affair that gradually develops, there is much skillful verbal fencing, which keeps the interest keen and undeviating.

It is essentially a "sunshiny" story and so will be most heartily welcomed and enjoyed everywhere, one feels certain. Coming before the public at a time when the output of the publishing world is small, it will doubtless have a large sale, which it fully deserves.

The Story of a Labor Agitator. By Joseph R. Buchanan. 461 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Outlook Co. Price \$1.25.

The great social movements have had such small beginnings that often the original agitators are lost sight of in the glory of the new stars that eclipse them.

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the more so after examination.

The thoughtful reader will not find approbation of the opinions and described actions of the leader, yet in this autobiography, written with intense interest as he must—he will find enough to fill him with admiration for the man and respect for the earnestness of his ideals and purpose.

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a number of people. The author works upon the reader's imagination and significant things rather to read than to have described; only, it is well to say, there is some sensationalism in this book, but it is continually interesting.

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Farmer. 289 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

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Christmas Tree. By M. E. Francis. 422 pages, 12 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$1.50.

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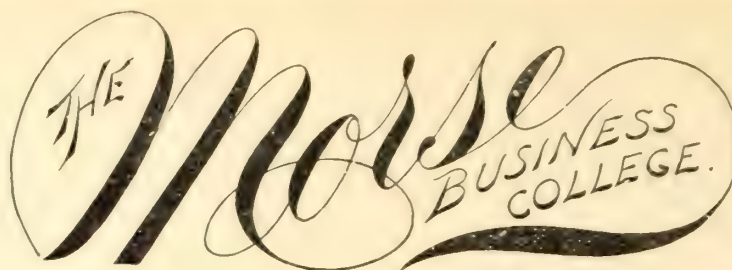
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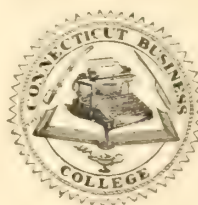
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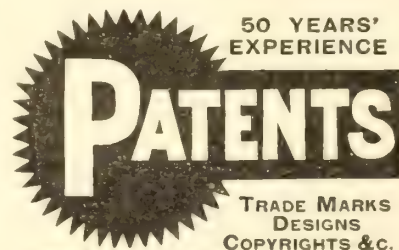
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It has paid death claims	
for	\$18,148,473.06
Endowments and an- nuities for	16,141,803.90
For surrendered Pol- icies,	27,771,246.49
For dividends,	65,054,360.11

A total returned to pol- icy-holders or their beneficiaries, being 99.99 per cent. of the entire premiums re- ceived,	\$227,118,894.16
It has paid for Expenses,	30,893,826.78
Taxes,	11,621,196.45
Total expenditure,	269,633,917.39
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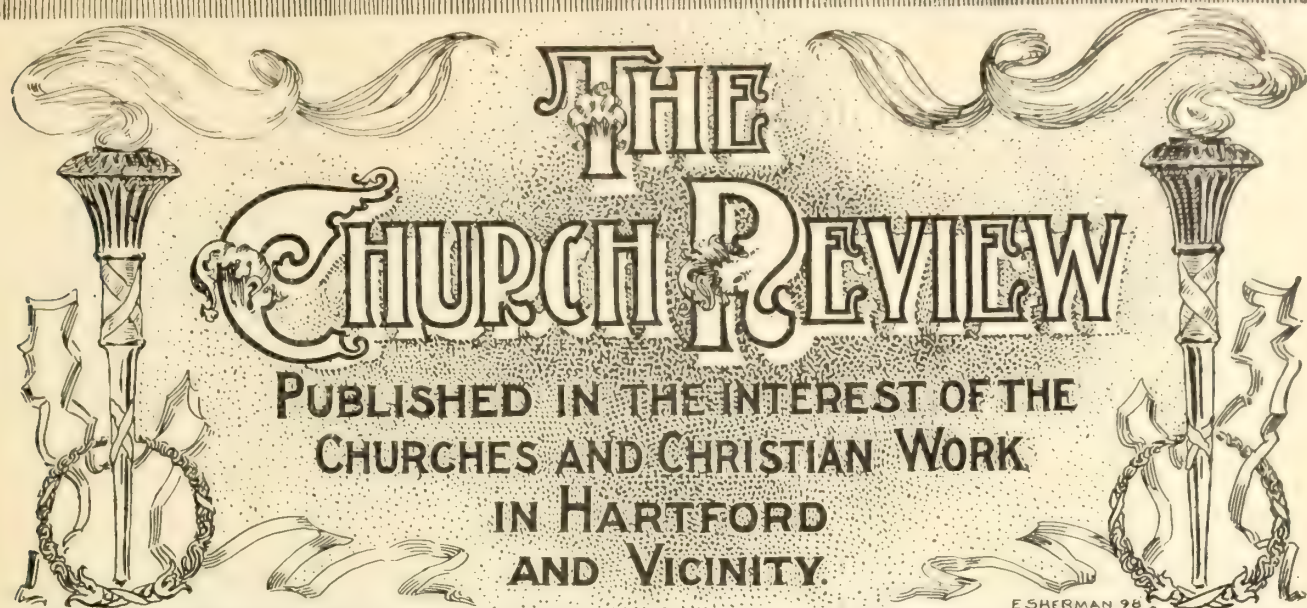
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East, west, their tireless pinions cleave
A flaming path in endless flight.

They glow and speed when myriad years
Of earth-accounted time have flown;
They whirl by systems, suns, and spheres,
And worlds to ashen grayness grown.

Each spans the fringe of golden spray
Washing creation's outmost shore.
Beyond, they light the blue-black way,
Flashing and flying evermore.

Yet part they still! Their wings of might
Gleam farther, farther, swiftly fleet.
An outbound course—how infinite!
For each no limit and no mete.

Far, far apart! Soul, hast thou proved,
With joy that sets all fear at rest,
God hath from thee thy sin removed
"Far as the East is from the West?"
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THE PROBLEM OF THE TENEMENT.

[Notes from an address by the Rev. E. deF. Miel at the annual meeting of the Charity Organization Society.]

As defined in the New York law a tenement house is one occupied by three or more families living independently, doing their cooking on the premises, and having a common right in the halls, stairways, yards, etc. This includes flats and apartment houses, though there is this distinction: the tenement usually dispenses with door-latch and

door bell. The door to the main hall swings open to any one who cares to enter. This is one feature of the general absence of privacy which makes the tenement undesirable from a moral point of view. Extreme instances of this lack of privacy have been found in New York, such as four families and a boarder living in one room.

In the absence of any statistical investigation of the tenements of Hartford, a few rough estimates have been made as follows: Of the population of Hartford perhaps 15,000 to 16,000 live in tenement buildings (four families or more under one roof), two-thirds of this number east of Main street. There are upwards of 600 properties of this sort, of which number about 200 have been built within ten years. Many of them are old dwellings remodeled for the purpose. It is estimated that 7,000 or 8,000 children live in these houses. Perhaps 75 or 100 basements are used for dwelling purposes. As many as eight persons have been found living in a single attic room. The most of the tenements, however, have at least three rooms. Some of the worst tenements in respect to light and air have been built within the past ten years.

Three- and four-room tenements rent at a much lower price in Hartford than in New York. Eight or ten dollars will procure a four-room tenement in an old building, and three-room tenements are listed as low as five dollars. In New York four-room tenements cost from \$12 to \$18, and I found a family there paying \$26 for five rooms over a saloon.

The subject must be approached from the builder's and investor's point of view as well as that of the tenant. I am told by experienced landlords that property of this sort will give a net income for the first five years of six per cent., for the next five years of five per cent., for the third five years an income of four per cent., and for the fourth five years three per cent. Taxes, water rent, repairs, and losses by delinquent tenants require a gross income of 12 to 15 per cent. on the property invested in order to yield a fair net

return. The largest item of loss is in wear and tear, the cheap tenant being the most destructive. One family in six is apt to prove unruly and destructive. Generally speaking, the landlord tries to do more for the tenant than the tenant for the landlord. The landlord suffers from delays and uncertainty in the collection of rents due to improvidence, unwillingness to pay, and also to hard luck and inability to pay.

Such regulations as we have governing the erection of tenement buildings are in the hands of two departments of our city government—the Board of Health and the Building Inspector. The Board of Health looks after the plumbing in all new buildings. Its rules are good and cover the ground. But bad conditions prevail in some buildings where there is no sewer connection. The subject of light and air is neglected.

The Building Inspector attends to the enforcement of certain laws and ordinances for protection against fire and the collapse of buildings, but there is no regulation to prevent a landlord from covering his entire lot with his building, leaving no space whatever for light or ventilation. There is no regulation as to windows, air vents, or yards. Some of the worst specimens of tenements in this city are those put up within the last ten years. The notorious "double-decker, dumb-bell" tenement, with its constricted air shaft, too narrow and limited to secure any real benefit, is already on the ground and must continue to become more common unless prohibited by law. The regulations for protection against fire are inadequate.

In the report of the Building Inspector for the six months ending December 31, 1902, he says: "In my opinion fire walls should be built in all houses where there are more than three or four families. As it is now, there are houses built with as many as twelve families and over without any protection as to fire risk, the whole inside of the building nothing but wooden partitions under the present ordinances."

In the report of our present Building Inspector the matter is again called to

our worst. With chagrin one learns that the word American often represents to the Mexican people not pure and upright character, but the reverse. An American friend of mine said to a Mexican neighbor, "Why do you give a sort of start whenever I speak to you?" The Mexican replied, "The first Americans that came here were very

the cavador (heavy nigger-hoe) from the boy's hand, knelt out in a heap of oak leaves and with a beat the boy into incredulity. The men looked on distressed but helpless. People in the village a short distance away saw, but none dared interfere. When the master went his way, the parents came out and carried the lad home, where he lingered



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bad, dangerous men, and I can't get over feeling startled at the sound of an American voice, although I have perfect confidence in you." I am glad to be able to put beside this indictment the testimony of scores of Mexicans concerning a missionary of our beloved Home Missionary Society who poured out his life in brief but lavish service for this people: "He was a good man." "He was a good neighbor." "He never once deceived us." That man's preaching may not have made many converts, but his life left an impression that will never be obliterated. I am glad also to be able to bear testimony to a few American business men whose life and business methods have been a noble example, and who, without knowing it, are the best of missionaries to the Mexican people.

Spite of all drawbacks, there is improvement. The Mexican people are a rising people. To estimate rightly their progress, it is necessary to consider whence they have come. Fifty-five years ago the vast majority were practically slaves. I never realized this so fully until a few months ago, when I was visiting in the home of a Mexican friend. I spoke somewhat disparagingly of present conditions, when my friend said, "I am an old man. I remember the days of the Spanish law. Most of the people were peons. They received \$1.50 or \$2.00 per month,—and this in produce at the master's price. The poor peon had no rights. It was 'Juan' here and 'Pablo' there and the peon could only answer abjectly, 'Si, Senor' to the master's every command. When a lad, I was one day tending a flock of goats near a field where some peons were hoeing corn. A lad of twelve years accidentally cut down a stalk of corn. Just then the master came by and saw it. In a rage he snatched

a helpless imbecile until his death two years later. Was there any redress? On the contrary, the master compelled the boy's father to take the place of the disabled lad and work out his time."

My friend told this and other tales of the past with the realistic power that came from actual participation in the events. As he described the peon's position, he became transformed. The old man was a peon again. The cringing



CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, ATRISCO.

air, the downcast mien, the deprecatory tone, expressed more eloquently than words the meaning of the peon's lot. As he stood thus before me, the embodiment of centuries of peonage, how different was he from the independent, intelligent Christian man,

which I encountered elsewhere, and an impulse to call my friend? I walked back to my room before sundown and lay in bed, and the Moon in purple glory came down, and some stars came out, as to my old friend. Who would if not all have found their way to independence, industry and thrift, the old man lived and a few life but I heard the first front of the happy. This man, when a lad, was for a time a chore boy to a missionary, from whom he received the gift of a Bible. The troublous day of the Civil War came and the missionary was obliged to leave the country, never to return. I found the Bible stayed. The lad learned to read it and to love it. It led him out of the darkness of superstition, lifted him above his vicious surroundings and made him the noble, intelligent Christian man he is today. The life bridge, the chasm between the old order and the new. Already.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

Upon the site of ancient empire, we build the new State. It is well, then, that in preparation for this event a few forgotten missionaries have been delving in the debris of dead religions and ruined civilizations to lay firm and sure that foundation, other than which can no man lay for the Christian state.

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BALLOTS AND BULLETS.

If women vote, they ought to fight and do police duty.

If no men were allowed to vote except those who are able and willing to do military and police duty, women might consistently be debarred for that reason. But, so long as the old, the lame, the halt, the lame and the blind are freely admitted to the ballot box, some better reason might be found for excluding women than the fact that they

do not fight. All men over 45 are exempt from military service, yet they vote. Col. P. W. Heggison says: "It appears by the record of U. S. Military Statistics that out of men examined for military duty during the civil war, of journalists 740 in every 1,000 were

small party of brothers of 7, and played up 180, or 100-134." Military men from Kentucky, Iowa, seem to regard this particular shooting with contempt. One being that at all events they are "all the men who came out of the war, and had to be dismissed, the polls would be as lonesome as a sea-bathing resort in December."

Some women, too, their life is a never-ending battle to come into the world. Mrs. J. G. Williams, of Indiana, says she has seen a woman who has been in the military service for 10 years, and she says, "If women do not go, they go to the State all the soldiers." This ought to be taken as an offset for the military service that women do not receive. A lady from Somerset says, "She who has been in the military service does not need to be a soldier."

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The mothers' meeting for February 25 was a Washington party. The room was decorated with flags, and a fine engraving of Washington occupied a conspicuous place at the front of the room. Many interesting relics and souvenirs were shown. Rev. Mr. Potter addressed the meeting and paid a glowing tribute to Washington and Lincoln, who, so different in birth and opportunity, had both done so much for our nation.

The choir is planning to give an Easter cantata sometime during Lent. Prof. Lupton will address the teachers on March 22, his topic being "The Synoptic Gospel."

The work for boys and young men, aside from the Sunday school, is cooking, gymnasium and clubs for playing games. During the past month there has been added a boys' class for basket weaving.

Some of our friends are planning an entertainment of music and magic, to be given in April, for the benefit of the repair fund.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

During the season fast passing away hundreds have found the Open Hearth a place of refuge and a means whereby they could make a new start in life with brighter hopes for the future.

The reading-room, with its warmth and light, has been greatly enjoyed and filled to its utmost capacity.

The wood-yard bus, and is still furnishing employment, temporarily, to a large number.

In fact, none who apply are turned away, except those who are not in a condition to be helped and whose presence would be detrimental to others. Each applicant is examined and his story heard by the superintendent, and many have profited by the advice given. The object of the Open Hearth is to do good to those who come and aid them where possible, to become self-supporting citizens.

As spring approaches our yard begins to look more attractive and the beautiful grounds will soon be a source of pleasure to our friends.

The girls' and women's clubs are in a flourishing condition and new members are constantly coming in.

The meetings in the chapel attract large audiences and Supt. Miller's practical discourses are listened to with

great interest, and many have expressed their intention of leading better lives and by their own example that they can aid their souls.

The children's meeting, boys have fully attended each Thursday evening



A MEXICAN BOY.

and Superintendent Miller has varied the meeting by giving a series of stereopticon lectures which are much enjoyed by both young and old. Superintendent Miller explains the pictures in his usual attractive manner and lessons of good are thus indicated.



THE MISSIONARY AND HIS TEAM.

There never can be a loss in a Christian's life out of which a gain may not come, as a plant from a buried seed. There never can be a sorrow out of which a blessing may not be born. There

never can be a discouragement which may not be made to yield some fruit of strength.—J. R. Miller, D.D.

MORGAN STREET CHAPEL.

The Sunday evening meetings during the past month have been addressed by the Rev. S. B. Forbes, Mr. Berg of the Seminary, Mr. Jacks of the Y. M. C. A. and the Rev. Ashley D. Leavitt. Vocal solos have been rendered by Miss Williams, and others, and Mr. Harold Colton furnished violin solos at one of the services.

Saturday evening, March 12, the annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held, preceded by a supper. A number of former teachers were present, as well as nearly all of the present force. Officers were elected as follows: Superintendent, Mr. Burton P. Twichell; sec'y Mr. Harold Moulton; librarian, Mr. Morris Clark; pianist, Miss Twichell; asst. pianist, Miss Thompson; historian, Mr. Robert Hull; superintendent primary dept., Miss Bartlett; assistants, Miss Colton and Miss De Carlo.

An interesting report of the work of the past year was read by Miss Twichell, and some account was also given of the work done in the homes, by means of which the co-operation of the parents is secured.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

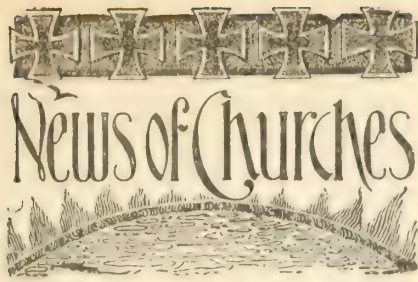
The social and entertainment given March 1, by the King's Daughters, was most successful. The object of the social was that the workers of the Mission might get better acquainted with its friends and increase their interest in the work. Part of the program was original essays and poems on the use of pins, and like the pins they had a good many sharp points. The Washington street school orchestra played during the evening.

Easter Sunday will be observed by the Sunday school at 3 p. m.

We wish to thank those who have assisted in the work and especially those who have preached during the past

month.

Services are held every Sunday as follows: Sunday school from 3 to 4 p. m.; preaching from 6 to 7 p. m.; Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:45.



WINDSOR METHODIST.

The ladies served a hash supper at the church on Wednesday evening, March 9.

The three ministers of the town, and Rev. Mr. Grisbrook of Poquonock, have been holding for the past week, a series of mid-day prayer meetings in the blacksmith shop of the General Electric Co.'s factory.

Prof. C. S. Beardlee will preach at our church on Sunday morning, March 20.

A series of special Lenten services is being held at our church on Tuesday evenings. Rev. D. W. Howell, and Rev. J. A. MacMillan, of Hartford, Rev. Mr. Wagner of Simsbury and Rev. Mr. Gelston of the Theological Seminary, have preached for us so far.

The young ladies of the church are planning for a sale of fancy articles, to be disposed of at the next tea meeting on April 6.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The last Quarterly Conference extended a call to the Rev. J. A. Macmillan for the ensuing year.

The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters held an open meeting on Friday evening last. The subject of the meeting was "An Evening in Japan."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society held a meeting in the chapel on Monday evening, March 7. Mrs. W. A. Richard of New Haven gave the address.

UNITY CHURCH.

The choir gave a musicale in the upper hall on the evening of February 18. The organist, Mr. D. F. Wentworth, arranged the programme, which consisted of solos and selections by the church quartet, followed by a song cycle "Wind Flowers" by Arthur Somervell. Mr. Porter, the tenor of the choir, being indisposed, his place was taken by Mr. W. J. Carroll, a former member. After the musicale, the hospitality committee entertained the company in the parlors and refreshments were served.

On Sunday, March 6, Rev. Mr. Waite gave a very interesting sermon on "Religion as involved in the issues of the war now waging." Russia, Christian in name only, and Japan, nominally pagan, is Christian in reality.

On March 13, Mr. Waite delivered the sermon on "The conflict between reason and faith," that he gave at Cornell University in February.

The choir has been re-engaged for the ensuing year.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

We are having special meetings Wednesday evenings through March, with

preaching by the following clergymen: Rev. W. W. Breckenridge of Hartford, March 2; Rev. Harry E. Peabody of Hartford, March 9; Rev. William W. Ranney of Hartford, March 16; Rev. Edward Hawes of Windsor, March 23; Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow of Springfield, March 30.

Thursday evening, March 31, we have a union service with the Methodists at which the communion will be administered, and for the service Good Friday, we have accepted the invitation which the Episcopalians have extended to the Methodists and our church to unite with them.

Our pastor is giving Sunday evening lectures on "Some Famous Johns of the Church." John Chrysostom, "The Golden Mouthed," Feb. 28; John Wyclif, Pioneer Reformer, March 6; John Huss, Bohemian Martyr, March 13; John Tauler, Mystic, March 20; John Knox, Court Preacher, March 27.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

The Church Aid Society gave a fifteen cent supper on March 4. A pleasant social hour followed. The society is planning to give an entertainment, in connection with the Guild of the Episcopal church, in the future.

The choir gave a praise service on March 6. Rev. Mr. Macy gave a talk on Bernard of Cluny and several of his hymns were sung.

Supt. Joshua Belden is confined to the house with grippe.

Rev. Mr. Macy gave a talk Sunday evening about "Why the United States favors heathen Japan rather than Christian Russia in the war now taking place."

Miss Susan Wells, one of our oldest members, died in New Haven recently. She had been blind for a number of years but kept a very deep interest in the life of this church.

NORTH METHODIST.

The birthday anniversary of the Rev. D. W. Howell was held at the church Friday evening and was attended by a large number. Mr. Howell was completely surprised when he was handed a purse containing \$90 in gold. Mr. Howell feelingly responded to the presentation by Howard A. Camp, and hoped the cordial relations existing now will be continued during all time.

The Old Folks' Concert, which is to be held in April, will be a success, as the large number of tickets sold and the interest displayed indicates.

The Sunday-school superintendents were handsomely entertained by the King's Daughters at the supper Tuesday evening, and the exercises in the evening were largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor, on vote of the standing committee, has arranged for services every evening, except Saturday of Holy Week, March 28 to April 3.

At the mid-week prayer-meeting, Rev. Joseph Twichell will preach a sermon on John Coleridge Pattison, Missionary Bishop of Melanesia.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper and entertainment in the church parlors Friday evening, March 4.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On Sunday, February 28, Miss Ella D. MacLaurin of Boston was with us and gave an enthusiastic missionary talk. The same evening six converts were baptized.

Mr. A. D. Ohel, a native of India, addressed the ladies at their mite box opening. He was in costume and told some interesting things about India and its people.

The Thursday evening meeting, on March 10, was given to a review of the last quarter's Sunday-school lessons on the life of Christ. The review of the scenes and incidents was given by our pastor and these were illustrated by lantern slides.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Rev. Ralph Mix of Wesleyan preached for us February 28.

March 6 the pastor, Rev. Mr. Keeler, preached the morning sermon, and in the evening, Miss Harriet C. Lamb, who is engaged in evangelistic work, gave an able discourse on "Naaman, the Leper."

March 13, Rev. Mr. Vorhees of Wesleyan preached at both services.

An enjoyable "Birthday Social" was held Friday evening, March 11. Supper was served from six to eight and a neat sum of money realized.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. William A. Willard led the Endeavor meeting, Sunday, March 13.

The Chinese Sunday-school and Junior League continue to hold sessions as usual.

The quarterly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on Wednesday evening, March 16.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The postponed annual meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society was held February 9, in the evening. Besides the reports of clerk, treasurer, financial and music committees, the trustees of Allyn, Goodwin, Mills, and Prosser funds made a statement of the condition of those funds and the disposition that had been made of the income. The Prosser fund yields about \$450 yearly and is distributed to residents of the town who are over sixty years of age and who may be in need. No regard is paid to religious belief or denominational preference. Officers were elected for the year. The ladies of the church had assumed the debt incurred by placing a new furnace in the church last winter and reported that it had been paid.

February 22 was the date for the sixteenth anniversary of the C. E. Society. The evening was enjoyed by about seventy-five of the members and friends of the society. A musical and literary program preceded the supper which had been attractively and bountifully prepared by the ladies. After-supper talks were given by several members of the society and by Pres. Brooks of the Hartford Union. Gilman H. Wells is president of the society for the current half year. The consecration meeting

has been changed from the last Sunday in the month to the first.

Rev. Joel S. Ives of the Conn. Home Missionary Society, preached and administered the communion March 6. Mr. Brown, who had been ill about ten days, was able to preach Sunday, March 13.

Frank Roberts Burnham, a lifelong resident of Bloomfield, died Sunday, February 28, after an illness that has made him almost helpless for a number of months. He was not a church member, but for a long time has been a constant student of his Bible and was certainly a believer. At his earnest solicitation he was baptized a few days before he died.

A meeting of the ladies of the church was recently held at the home of Mrs. N. F. Miller for the purpose of considering methods of aiding in the financial affairs of the church. As a beginning it was decided to give an Orange Supper on Friday, March 25. A short program will probably preface the supper.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The supper given by the men of this church, February 3, was a great success, a large number partaking of the good things provided. Following the supper, came an intellectual feast, quite as heartily enjoyed by all. Vocal and instrumental solos were rendered, also songs by a ladies' quartet of the Fourth Congregational church, and by a men's quartet of Glenwood; and Miss Adair sang delightfully.

The Glenwood Society of King's Daughters held a sociable at the home of Mrs. Perwo, on Woodbine street, Saturday, February 27. About forty were present and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the energetic young ladies who compose the society showing themselves fertile in the invention of ways and means to entertain and instruct their guests.

A supper was given at the church, Wednesday evening, March 9, from 6 to 8.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

At the last communion service, two members were admitted to our church, both by letter.

Dr. W. B. Scranton gave a talk to the men's class, last week on Russia, Japan and Korea. From his long residence and work in Korea, he is able to talk very interestingly of the seat of war and of the peoples involved.

WEST HARTFORD CON- GREGATIONAL.

Rev. George M. Rowland, an A. B. C. F. M. missionary, in Japan, delivered an address on "Japan" at the Sunday morning service, February 7. Mr. Rowland likewise spoke at the evening service, his subject being "Work among the young people of Japan."

The meeting of the Home Missionary Society was held in the church parlor, Tuesday, February 16, a very windy, cold day, so that the attendance was small. The subject for consideration was "Where work was most needed among the foreign population."

Two meetings of the Men's Union

Legislature were held during the month of February, the first on February 16, being open to visitors. After the reading of the journal and minor bills, the Assembly considered House Bill No. 1, concerning an appropriation by the state for the erection of a memorial to Noah Webster, LL. D., the debate being opened by Representative Sternburg of West Hartford.

We rejoiced to welcome to fellowship in this church of Christ, on Sunday, March 6, eight new members.

The young ladies of the Junior Auxiliary will hold a cake and candy sale in the church parlor, Saturday afternoon, March 19.

On Thursday evening, February 18, seventeen members of our C. E. Society went to Elmwood to attend the meeting of that society.

On the evening of Washington's Birthday, eight of our C. E. members visited and took part in the meeting of the Windsor Avenue Congregational society. Mayo Hersey led the meeting.

Our Bible school holds its quarterly review exercise on Sunday, March 27, and on Sunday evening, April 3, an Easter service, under the direction of Supt. R. S. Cruttenden.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Mid-Lent finds the Sunday-school members of the Missionary League working Friday afternoons after school, with a good attendance, the last meeting, though on a stormy day, bringing out over fifty.

Working until 4:30, a half hour is then spent in practicing Easter carols, after which evening prayer is said in the church, when the rector gives a brief address.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society is also engaged in mission work on Tuesday afternoons, their labors being in behalf of a western hospital, for which a box of clothing and supplies is being prepared.

Mr. Morris Phillips has returned again to college after a long illness, and is now with us again as a teacher in the Sunday-school.

Mr. I. R. Kenyon, of the college, has also taken a class, while Mr. Harry Casley has been transferred from the class roll to become an officer, as assistant to Miss Day, our librarian.

Wednesday evenings during Lent, a mission study class meets in the rector's study, devoting an hour each time listening to papers on the subject of "Missionary Work in Hawaii."

Teachers' meeting, at seven o'clock, immediately precedes the mission class.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

A series of special Lenten evangelistic meetings is being held at this church, led by Miss May B. Lord of the Connecticut Bible Society. They began Tuesday, March 15, and will continue till Easter.

The usual Good Friday service will be held in the afternoon from 12 to 3, at which seven clergymen will speak, each on one of the Seven Words from the Cross.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, an orchestra will lead the music at the opening exercises of the Sunday-school, the Junior and Intermediate departments uniting.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Bishop Brewster visited this church on the third Sunday in Lent, March 6, and confirmed a class of fifty-three persons. The Bishop's address to the candidates was peculiarly forceful and helpful. It was an earnest presentation of Christ as the light, and urged the duty of opening the heart wide to the light, in order that, afterward, the life might become a source of light to others. There was a large congregation and the service was especially impressive and hearty. As the new organ was not ready, much of the music was unaccompanied and thoroughly congregational.

The new electric lights are to a great extent in use now, and the effect is very brilliant. The wiring is of the latest and most modern method, and the fixtures are very artistic. The material is antique brass, the designs suggestive of the Renaissance. They were designed especially for the church by Mr. C. C. Haight of New York. In the chancel the fixtures are to be of antique bronze, to harmonize with the dark woodwork. They will be placed there in the course of a few weeks. Already the increase in the amount of illumination in the church is very great.

The new organ progresses steadily. It will be ready just before Easter, and will be one of the finest in Hartford. Altogether the year has been a notable one in the history of this parish. The Episcopal parishes of Hartford are holding united Lenten services in this church on Thursday evenings. They have been very largely attended. The sermons are delivered by special preachers from New York, Boston, Providence and elsewhere.

FIRST METHODIST.

On Friday evening, February 19, a most cordial invitation was given to the League and members of the church, by our pastor and wife, for a social at the parsonage. An entertainment of music had been prepared, consisting of solos by Miss Gertrude Laidlaw, Mrs. Elizabeth Newton Allen and Mr. Charles E. Prior, Jr. Two selections were given by a quartet. Piano and violin solos were also rendered.

Dr. McCormick is to give a series of lectures to the teachers of the Sunday-school, the first one to be given at the parsonage, March 18, subject, "Modern Religious Teaching."

A concert will be given by the Sunday-school on Easter Sunday.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Lent is being observed in the church by a series of special services on Thursday evening of each week. The services are addressed by the different pastors of the Universalist churches in Connecticut. Thus far they have been very helpful and instructive, the subjects being along the line of "The Spirit of Life in Jesus Christ."

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the church is arranging for a lecture, to be given Wednesday evening, April 6, on the subject, "Constantinople of the Sultans," by Mrs. J. Wentworth Payson.

The Young People's Christian Union held its annual business meeting in the

church parlors, Friday evening, March 11. Considerable important business was transacted and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Ernest C. Day; vice-president, Harold B. Stillman; recording secretary, Bertha M. Wallace; corresponding secretary, Ada Frances Fulton; treasurer, Frank G. Mellen; historian, Garret D. Brower. The young people are looking forward to the annual convention to be held at New Haven April 8-9. A large delegation is expected to go from Hartford.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

At our last communion, March 6, three persons united with the church, two on profession of faith and one by letter.

The church was also very agreeably surprised on that day to find on the table an individual communion service, a gift from one of our members, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Alice J. Andrews, and daughter, Mrs. Frances Andrews Kinsman, both esteemed members of the church while living.

The church has had in contemplation the adoption of the individual service and to receive it as a memorial of those with whom they had long been associated, was especially pleasant.

The same day, at evening, the sermon was given by Rev. Mr. Goudey, who is soon to leave the city. Mr. Goudey is held in high esteem by those who come in contact with him, and his occasional visits will be missed.

April 1, a joint convention of Loyal Workers' societies and Sunday-schools of the state, will be held at the church, with sessions morning, afternoon and evening, which will be open to the public.

Easter Sunday at 6:30, the Loyal Workers' Society holds its quarterly roll-call and consecration meeting.

We hope for a full attendance.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Special evangelistic services were held during the past week. Rev. Harold Pattison preached every evening except Saturday, and the attendance was large and the results gratifying. More than usual interest was manifested in them.

The Juniors have been very earnestly working this winter and the attendance at all the meetings has been good, with the Roll of Honor larger than ever before.

A very interesting service was held at the chapel on Sunday evening, February 21, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of the Dorcas Society. Mrs. L. A. Wiley read a paper giving a historical sketch of the society from its organization. Rev. J. B. Connell delivered a discourse, his subject being, "Lessons From the Life of Dorcas." There was special music and singing under the direction of J. Vincent Freeman.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Work on the new organ has progressed so rapidly that we shall be using it very soon now in our services.

The Friendly Brothers' prayer-meetings are held regularly and are well attended. This is true also of the mothers' meetings.

On Thursday evening of this week there will be a joint meeting of the church and society to listen to the report of the special committee appointed at the annual meeting to consider the advisability of consolidating the church and the society.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting in our church on the evening of March 15, at which Rev. Anna Shaw, D. D., of Philadelphia, spoke on "The Fate of Republics."

Mr. T. H. Day preached in the chapel last Thursday evening, and, in accordance with a vote of the church, was licensed as a "lay preacher."

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held on April 8.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Association was held Tuesday evening, March 15.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

February 6, Mrs. E. B. Sumner, one of our oldest members, aged 85, quietly fell asleep, to wake in the home of the blest, where is peace and joy forevermore.

March 1 there was an entertainment given in lower Unity Hall, for the benefit of the Home Mission Second Auxiliary of our church, which was a success in every way and netted them a good sum for their work. A programme of music was finely rendered by Mrs. Franz Milcke and four of her young lady pupils. The pictures by the young people were fine and elicited much praise for the ladies, Mrs. E. V. Mitchell, Mrs. John M. Gallup, Mrs. L. H. Dewing and Mrs. Louis R. Cheney, who arranged the entertainment.

The ladies of our sewing society served their last supper of the season Friday evening.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The work of painting and decorating the interior of our church is about finished. The seats are being put in nice order, ready for the new carpet which is being made.

The birthday party given on the evening of February 22 was a success, both socially and financially.

Our Thursday evening meetings are kept up in interest and attendance. One evening the Evangelical Society of Hartford, or Praying Band, came down and helped our pastor.

On the whole we are encouraged and look for brighter skies and the hands of the willing workers to be held up.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

February 2 the men served a supper at the church. Over sixty persons were served and the receipts were about \$15. The drifted roads interfered somewhat with the success of the affair.

Frank Burger has been elected delegate to the lay electoral conference at Brooklyn in April which elects delegates to the General Conference at San Francisco. Rev. J. H. Sinott, the pastor, is alternate.

A large party from the South Park Methodist Sunday-school came from Hartford and were served with a supper at the church Wednesday evening, February 17.

The Rev. W. A. Richard preached at the church Sunday morning, March 6.

A collection was taken toward the building of the Eldridge at New Haven, which amounted to \$14.50.

In the afternoon the last quarterly meeting of the Elder and the official board was held. It was the unanimous wish of the board to retain its pastor another year.

Tuesday evening, March 1, the Epworth League held a 10-cent entertainment at the church. After a miscellaneous programme ice-cream and home-made candy were sold. The League realized a profit of \$12.80.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Wednesday evening, February 23, the Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters gave an entertainment in the chapel. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Sunday-school. About \$25 was realized.

At the Sunday evening meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., on February 28, Dr. Bunker, a returned missionary from Burmah, and to whose work the society is contributing, gave a short but very helpful talk.

One of the members of our choir was received into the church by baptism.

At the adjourned meeting of the South Baptist Society, held Monday evening, February 29, the following were elected the Society's Committee for the ensuing year: H. B. Austin, chairman, F. W. Parmelee and Ned Lawrence.

Miss Mary Graham Jones of the "Settlement" gave a talk to the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters on Wednesday evening, March 9.

Sunday, March 13, the pastor preached a strong sermon on "Mormonism." In the evening the last in a series of illustrated sermons on the "Life of Christ" was given. Sunday evening, March 20, the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the subject, "The Family that Lives in the Basement."

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Bishop Brewster visited the parish Sunday, February 21, for confirmation, and we are pleased to state that seven new members were added to the church. This is the first class presented to Bishop Brewster for confirmation since Rev. Henry Macbeth took charge of the parish, and next year our rector expects a much larger one.

The teachers continue to meet Friday evenings, in the parish hall, to talk over the lesson for the following Sunday. The lectures on the lessons, by Mr. Macbeth, are very helpful to all.

The meetings of the Y. P. C. will not be held during Lent, except by order of the president. The club has decided on two plays which will probably be given later.

There is one class that is becoming more and more interesting to members of the church, and that is the class in voice culture. We congratulate Mr. Weyhe on the results obtained thus far and wish him much success in his work. The new choir, consisting mostly of young men and ladies from Mr. Weyhe's class, sang at the church service Sunday, March 6, for the first time. The singing was very good indeed. Mr. Macbeth expects to have the choir vested very soon. The ladies of the Guild will probably assist in this work as soon as the Easter sale is over.

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* Editorial. *

THE ETHICS OF WAR.

It would seem that the logical end of war was for one side to annihilate as many men on the opposite side as possible—that prisoners of war would be promptly dispatched and no quarter given or accepted on either side. It has proved an embarrassing problem in many wars—notably to the Boers in South Africa—to care for their prisoners, to watch and feed them. This entails much expense, as does also the medical care of wounded prisoners. It would seem to one uninstructed in the ethics of war, that so long as each side was determined to kill as many of the other side as possible, that they would make a quick ending of all prisoners.

"Civilized Warfare," if there is such a thing under the sun, seems a most illogical proposition. To have your enemy in your power and to spare him

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and then to go out and stake your own life on the chance of killing some of the fellows of your prisoner, is one of the features of war which seems altogether inconsistent.

Yet, however illogical in theory these things may be, in fact they indicate a step in the right direction. A half-civilized warfare may involve as many lives, and suffering, and treasure, as an absolutely savage war, but if it shows that the passions of men are so modified, that there can be some humane features to the strife, that is some gain. Let the rules and restrictions of warfare therefore multiply. Let every humane feature possible be encouraged, and every wanton cruelty be censured by non-combatants. Perhaps in some distant millennium the humane features will have become so magnified that wars will altogether cease.

Evolution is a slow process. An improvement in one century and a relapse in the next. But at the end of centuries progress does become manifest.

So the time may come when the ethics of warfare will mean its total prohibition and when strife between nations will be exclusively a wordy one before some international tribunal.

THE POSTAL FRAUDS REPORT.

Fourth Assistant P. M. General Bristow's report on post office frauds, which has been so highly commended by the President, and Congressional committees, for its thoroughness and impartiality, now turns out to be a boomerang. It has struck in unexpected places, and connected many honorable names with those of Beavers, Perry Heath, Machen and the grafters. More than 150 Senators and Representatives unexpectedly find their names in Bristow's roll call, and their delicate correspondence with the post office department is made public. A shower of arrows was let loose in the House of Representatives when the report was read, and they struck in all directions. The consternation and indignation temporarily eclipsed the interest in the domestic relations of the Mormons at the other end of the Capitol. It is not pretended that more than a small minority of this great number are guilty of actual violations of the law, but nearly all have committed serious indiscretions, some of them inadvertently, and the names of the virtuous and the boodler are inextricably mixed. The result is that yells of rage and screams of protest were heard sufficient to shake the Capitol. The Republican leaders of Congress denounce in vehement language the Republican officials who had sent in the voluminous report, not content even with calling them blunderers, but de-

claring that an intention to smirch Congress originated the action and that it was, as one member put it, a blackmailing scheme to make us let the departments alone.

Our own state seems to have held up its platter with great energy, at least five of its Congressmen, Senator Platt, and Representatives Sperry, Hill, Lilley, and Henry, being all touched with Bristow's tarred stick. Hill wanted some more "right away" and he wrote to "My dear Beavers: Everything seems so abnormally slow. . . My impression is that you ought to give your man White a dose of ginger or pepper." The office of Postmaster-General is obviously no sinecure. He is liable at any moment to receive a letter from some angry Congressman demanding that his brother's building be rented for a post-office or his son appointed to a clerkship, with an admonition to hurry up or, as Hill said, condiments will be forwarded and "there will be trouble for somebody." These stimulating and pungent revelations have enraged the members of Congress, especially those who are not guilty of any real violation of law. They have been thrown upon the defensive, and hereafter, on the stump, there will be much explaining and pooh-poohing to be done. Members of both parties are involved, but four-fifths of the men named are Republicans, of course, because only a Republican administration could grant the favors. Mr. Overstreet, Republican, Ind., chairman of the Post Office Committee of the House, made the report public, for which he is roundly denounced. He claims that nobody is injured, and that the integrity of the members of the House as a whole is not reflected on; but they do not so regard it.

MORAL COURAGE.

Hon. John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts, at the famous rum-ridden dinner given to the London Honorables by the Boston Ancients, October, 1903, on a request to present the toast of the State of Massachusetts, stood up and pledged the honor and good will of the Commonwealth in a glass of clear water, held high above him so that all could see the act.

So far from arousing the hostility of voters, Mr. Bates was a few days later triumphantly re-elected governor by substantially the same plurality as in 1902.

The Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society has issued a very neat calendar with a picture of the governor standing with the glass in his hand. One of these calendars has been received by The Church Review.

The resignation of Rev. Ashley D. Leavitt, assistant pastor of the South Congregational Church, will be regretted by his many Hartford friends, excepting as they trust that his expressed wish for a pastorate of his own may be realized and opportunities for greater usefulness come to him thereby. His work at the South Church has proved his abilities and made him many friends.

Pittsburg has shown what can be accomplished when different denominations unite in simultaneous endeavor. A great revival has recently been held there, in which thirteen denominations, representing five hundred churches, have worked as one. On one day forty services were held with an estimated attendance of 40,000 and 2,300 conversions on that day. In the many other meetings held, thousands of conversions resulted. A grand thing for Pittsburg, for the Church of Christ and for Christian unity.

It is reported that the now famous Admiral Togo and three of his captains are Christians. So are a number of the members of both houses of the Japanese Parliament. Will they be proof against the "Ikon" of the Russian Church, which is to go to the front to ensure Russian victories? This "Ikon" business looks a little as though the Russians were the Pagans.

Contemplating the immense sum proposed for an adequate(!) navy, the sum of eight millions proposed for good roads looks rather small. Yet the bill appropriating the latter amount is by no means certain to go through, notwithstanding its certain and lasting benefit.

No women in church choirs is the Pope's latest order. How do the ladies feel over that? The Pope's order on the subject of church music is fairly revolutionary in many other respects.

Lynchings are still of frequent occurrence in the South and are a disgrace to the whole nation. There are a few heroic officials to stand out against them, but not many. It is a crime which should not be tolerated for a moment in a land where law is supposed to be supreme.

The political bee is humming more noisily each day in Hartford. It is hoped that our coming officials will be gifted with common sense and decency and avoid the smart political games which have disgusted onlookers in this city for the past two years. And this does not refer to any one party or clique.

The Morgan Street Mission is soon to have a new and finely equipped building on Village street. A splendid opportunity for good work, and an efficient corps of workers to do it.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The bishop of the diocese will visit St. John's on Easter Day, at the 10:45 a. m. service, and will preach and confirm the candidates.

The rector meets the confirmation class on each Sunday at 12:30. Most of the members are from the Sunday-school, but others are urged to join.

During Holy Week, services will be held as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a. m., and Good Friday, 10:45; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 5 p. m.; Maunday Thursday, 7:45 p. m.; Good Friday, 3 p. m.; Easter Even, 4 p. m.; Easter Day, 6:30 and 10:45 a. m., and 2:45 and 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion, March 31; Easter Day, 6:30 and 10:45 a. m.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

During the past month the work in the parish house has fast been adjusting itself and has already been found a great source of enjoyment, as well as a great factor for good in the work of the church. Many of the Sunday-school classes have private rooms to go to for study, after the opening exercises. And especially has the primary department been benefited.

During the month the chief feature for the children has been a birthday party, each child bringing as many pennies as they were years old. It was a great success socially as well as financially.

The last lecture under the auspices of the Teachers' Club was given on Monday evening, March 14.

During Holy Week services will be held at the church every day, with the exception of Saturday, at quarter before five.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

On the evening of February 28 a party of twenty-five, representing our Young People's Society, visited the West Hartford Baptist church, and reported an enjoyable evening, and hopes are entertained that the visit will be returned in the near future.

The Mission Study Class, under the leadership of Mr. Middlemas, has awakened the interest of many of our younger members.

In spite of the storm on Friday, March

11, the Woman's Society held a very interesting missionary meeting in the church parlor. "The Colored Schools of the South" was the subject under consideration, and three very interesting reports were given by young ladies who had posted themselves on the work at Spellman Seminary, Jackson College, and Miss Mather's School.

The infant class had a very delightful time on Saturday, March 12, the occasion being their jug-breaking meeting, all pennies found in these jugs going to missions.

On the evening of March 13 there was a baptismal service, at which five members of our Sunday-school were baptized, the youngest, a little boy of 9 years, who for years has taught older Christians many a lesson in faith, by his implicit trust in God and the beautiful way he takes everything to Him.

Several of our members are laid aside with grippe, and much anxiety has been felt over Deacon Denison, but he is now reported as improving.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Tuesday evening service of the Seabury Club is well attended.

The choir, on Sundays, quite fills the chancel and the church with hearty songs.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, the curate, has been quite sick for three weeks, but is convalescent.

A class for confirmation is to meet every Sunday evening in the parish house.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

A musical and literary entertainment, given by the Epworth League, recently, was largely attended.

Rev. and Mrs. Burdette B. Brown were "at home" to the members and friends of the church on the evening of February 29. The dining-room was decorated with red and white and light refreshments were served. Miss Almira J. Fullerton and Miss Eva Rowbotham, poured; Miss Annie Osborne and Miss Cecil Hall, served.

Rev. Harold Pattison preached to the edification of the congregation on Sunday evening, March 13.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

On February 22, at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Hatch, of Sisson avenue, the Evangeline Circle held a "Martha Washington Tea."

On March 8 the election of officers of the Sunday-school took place. The election resulted as follows: Superintendent, Frank E. Newton; assistant

superintendent, Fred A. Guild; secretary, Archer Knowlton; treasurer, Wallace S. Hastings; superintendent of home department, Mrs. F. E. Newton; superintendent of primary department, Mrs. O. M. Hinman; superintendent of kindergarten, Mrs. F. A. Guild; auditor, E. W. Newton.

On March 15 the pastor delivered a lecture on "Southern California and the Yosemite Valley."

Preparations are now being made for an Easter concert.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

February 12, the C. E. Society gave a valentine cake, candy and ice cream sale, which was very successful and put sixty-four dollars in the treasury.

Our Sunday-school teachers are taking a special course at the Pedagogical Seminary, with Miss Cone. We have begun to study the life of Christ and all are invited to join us.

Miss Esther Henry is the superintendent of the home department.

The boys and girls are becoming more and more interested in the Christian Endeavor meetings.

Mrs. Ranney, Miss Durham, Mr. Horn and Mrs. Downs have been added to the membership of the society.

The ladies announce a supper for March 23, when the pews will be rented for another year.

Friday evening, March 18, all are invited to hear about Hampton Institute, Virginia.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Bishop Brewster confirmed a large class of candidates Sunday, February 21, at the morning service. He preached a strong sermon after the confirmation rite had been administered, and also addressed the class with a few remarks as to their new duties and privileges.

The Lenten services have not been as well attended as they should be. By omitting the usual Friday evening service, it was hoped that members would attend the series of services at Christ church. Quite a number have availed themselves of the opportunity and attended the Thursday evening union meetings.

On Monday, March 14, the Men's League will hold its March meeting. The speaker will be Prof. Herbert M. Hopkins of Trinity college. His subject will be "Shakespeare, and Stratford-on-Avon, as it now is."

A social hour will follow the address.

The quartette of the church, for year beginning with Easter Day, will consist of Mrs. Paul Everett, soprano; Mrs. Grace Melberger, alto; Mr. Colin Pitblado, tenor; Mr. James Nichols, baritone. They will be assisted by a chorus as usual.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

The Vine Hill Farm Co., of Elmwood, delivers some of the finest milk, cream and butter used in Hartford. Their "Clinical Milk" is a specialty for infants and invalids.

At the Shannon Drug Co., E. G. Lathrop & Co., the utmost care is taken in filling prescriptions. Spring bitters are now on sale.

A gentleman riding with an Irishman came within sight of an old gallows, and to display his wit said:

"Pat, do you see that?"

"To be sure Oi do," replied Pat.

"And where would you be to-day if the gallows had its due?"

"Oi'd be riding alone," replied Pat.

Get your flowers for Easter at the Old Town Farm Greenhouses, corner Atwood and Sargeant streets. Carnations the specialty, but a full line of other flowers.

A Royal prince calling one day upon the head of the Rothschilds found him busy with another person, and Mr. R.— requested him to take a chair. "I am the Prince of—" was the haughty reply.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir," said Mr. R.—; "take two chairs!"

The Allyn House Barber Shop is a leader in Hartford. Skilled barbers and thorough cleanliness guaranteed. The Manicure Department is growing in favor daily.

Mr. A. C. Rose is proprietor of the Farmington Avenue market and the Madison Grocery Co., and is well equipped to fill orders in any part of the city. Telephones at both stores.

Messrs. P. H. B. Saunders & Son, leaders in high class tailoring, have now on exhibition a full line of British woollens for Spring and Summer wear. Chambers, 686 Main street.

Mr. Ralph E. Page, 419 Main street, opens the bicycle season with a splendid line of wheels of the 1904 pattern, including the Columbia, Dayton, Hartford and Indian bicycles. The Indian motor cycle is a popular favorite.

The full line of fishing tackle is also an interesting department of Page's hardware store.

Uncle John: "Well, Mary, my dear, what a long time it is since I saw you! And so you have a little sister now! I suppose she cries sometimes?"

Little Mary: "Cries? I should think she does! I never knew any one who seemed to look on the dark side of things as she does."

The Living Food.

Systematic theology is as necessary as the bones of a man, but those bones must be covered with warm flesh if we are to have a friend. Delight in the study of Christian anatomy must not rob us of our living friend, the matchless Son of Man. The weary, the sad, the forsaken, are crying today as never before, "Sir, we would see Jesus."—Rev. Harry Moore Lowry, Baptist, New York.

Work in Paradise.

When a good man dies are we foolish enough to believe that he has nothing more to achieve or that death will stop the energies of his existence? He will do all things better than he has done here because he shall not be hampered by the world, the flesh and the devil. If you are called away you will not be in paradise five minutes before work will be assigned to you.—Rev. G. T. Thompson, Baptist, Philadelphia.

Keeping the Faith.

It was Paul's great joy as he neared the end of his life that he had "kept the faith." But he did not keep it by putting it away in the safe-deposit vault of his own inner consciousness. He kept it by telling it to everybody he met on the street, carrying it from land to land, and preaching it under every conceivable circumstance unto all sorts and conditions of men. And so the only way we can keep that kind of faith and trust in God that will be a fountain of good cheer and song in our hearts is by serving our fellow men with unselfish love.—Rev. Lewis Albert Jenks, Methodist, New York.

The Way of Living.

A man may change his way of living and his conduct of life for more reasons than one. Religion is not the only motive of reform in this world. But to a satisfactory, complete and real reform there is only one path. That is the reform through the incoming of the Holy Ghost and the reunion with the Christ.—Rev. N. D. Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Abstainers Live Longest.

It is a most significant fact that in England, where separate insurance classification of total abstainers and users of liquors has been in use for some years, the death rate among total abstainers is reported by one company to be only one-half that among the users of liquors and by another company at three-fourths. The experience of the first company extends over a period of sixteen years, that of the second over a period of twenty-five years.

Temperance Work in Japan.

The W. C. T. U. has obtained permission from the authors and publishers of the latest and best scientific temperance physiologies to translate and publish their books in Japanese. Several temperance leaflets are being translated and needed helps are under consideration. Numerous articles relative to conditions and work in Japan have been sent to American and English papers and many communications to the national societies in several foreign countries, enlisting their interest and support for the work in Japan.

What Is Happiness?

Happiness is the greatest paradox in nature. It can grow in any soil, live under any conditions. It defies environment. It comes from within. It is the revelation of the depths of the inner life as light and heat proclaim the sun from which they radiate. Happiness consists not of having, but of being; not of possessing, but of enjoying. It is the warm glow of a heart at peace within itself. A martyr at the stake may have happiness that a king on his throne might envy. Man is the creator of his own happiness; it is the aroma of a life lived in harmony with high ideals. For what a man has he may be dependent on others; what he is rests with him alone. What he obtains in life is but acquisition; what he attains is growth. Happiness is the soul's joy in the possession of the intangible.—William George Jordan.

Material Aspect of Heaven.

We must also get out of the notion that matter is sinful in itself. God pronounced the world good. The body fearfully and wonderfully made, is the masterpiece of creative wisdom and love. Human folks go to a heaven which is just as material as earth and find themselves as much at home with each other in the many mansions above as in the many dwelling places below.—Bishop Samuel Fallows, Episcopalian, Chicago.

The Completest Evidence.

Many professed Christians look upon the Saviour merely as a religious leader, a great teacher or thinker, a philosopher, a physician, a philanthropist—a man, without ever realizing his Godhead. The proof of Christ's divinity rests principally on the fact of his self resurrection. The gospel today shows the triumph of this truth over skepticism. Doubt is conquered by completest evidence.—Rev. Thomas E. Cox, Catholic, Chicago.

High Minds Akin to Immortality.

Above all live as though you were immortal, and your doubts about immortality will largely vanish. If a man lives the animal's life it isn't strange if he counts on the animal's death, but if he lives the spiritual life he will find it impossible to make up his mind that the grave ends all. Keep the windows of your soul looking heavenward and keep them clean, and the lights of immortality will stream into your life.—Rev. Dr. Baker, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

Higher Manhood.

The higher manhood is but complete manhood; nothing eliminated or suppressed. There is room for the physical, and it must be sound, sinewy, athletic. Spirit, soul and body constitute a holy trinity, neither complete without the other. We do not admire, we cannot use, a weak, pale, emaciated, deformed body in the highest service. If the blood that is poured into the brain cells is sickly and impure the thoughts will be muddy and envenomed. If the body is allowed to be full of sickly humors the heart and conscience will be defiled. Do not strike off; do not exacerbate; do not extirpate. There are room and a work for all bodily organs and aptitudes. Christianity does not mangle men; it cultivates them.—Rev. Frank G. Tyrrell, Christian, St. Louis.

Criticism of Omnipotence.

Shall we, with our shortened vision, attempt to criticise the Omniscient One, who sees all from the beginning? If the traveler in Switzerland must sometimes be conducted blindfolded over portions of that most dangerous mountain pass in the Alps lest he should lose his footing and be dashed to pieces by one dizzy glance into the chasm below may it not likewise be an infinitely wise love that conceals from us many things which, if seen, might entirely unfit us for life's journey? Here Christ's most devoted followers must sometimes slowly feel their way in the darkness step by step, but what joy awaits the redeemed, when we

shall no longer look through darkened windows, but shall dwell in that land, forever bathed in the pure white light that proceeds from the throne of God.—Rev. Dr. Frank P. Parker, Methodist, Philadelphia.

A Blessing to the Churches.

No man can measure what a blessing the Christian Endeavor society has been to the churches of this land and to individual believers. One of the many reasons why I rejoice in it is because it is not an organization outside of the church. I look with growing suspicion upon anything in the way of an organization that is not an integral part of the church of Christ.—Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D., of Moody Bible Institute.

Enthusiasm Worth Copying.

One Sunday it was 41 degrees below zero in Winnipeg, but it could not keep the Endeavorers away from church and Sunday school.

The watchword in Jamaica for the extensive campaign is, "A society in every church in the island that is in sympathy with the movement."

A Voice From India.

Millions of young lives have been redeemed and quickened to highest service in the name of the King through the simple but soldierly spirit of Christian Endeavor.—Rev. William Carey, Dacca, India.

The Flower of Endeavor.

The Junior movement is the flower of the Endeavor society. We are not doing enough for the boys and girls.—John Willis Baer.

To Help.

Christian Endeavorers, you're organized to help, not merely to wait before the altar for the help that you can get.—Rev. Reginald John Campbell, Minister of City Temple, London.

Some Distinguishing Features.

One distinguishing mark of a Society of Christian Endeavor is the prayer meeting pledge, which reads as follows:

As an active member I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and to take some part, aside from singing, in every meeting unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master Jesus Christ. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting, I will, if possible, send an excuse for absence to the society.

Another distinguishing feature is the committee work, especially the lookout, prayer meeting and social committees.

Another is the consecration meeting, concerning which the constitution reads:

Once each month a consecration or experience meeting shall be held, at which each active member shall speak concerning his progress in the Christian life. If any one chooses, he can express his feelings by an appropriate verse of Scripture or other quotation.



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HARTFORD Christian Endeavor Union

HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The directors of the Union held a business meeting, Wednesday evening, March 16, to arrange for the April meeting of the Union.

All societies who have not paid the dues to the Union for last year will kindly do so at once.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My dear Endeavorers:—Since writing you last I have made a number of visits to societies in our Union.

I have been very much gratified at the good spiritually healthy condition I have found. I have found the Endeavor movement very much alive, good conscientious work being very strongly in evidence. There was a lack of prayer in some meetings, which should not be so.

A prayerful meeting is always a strong one. Every one goes from such a meeting feeling a new strength.

One meeting in particular I have in my memory—I will not say where, only that it was Baptist—that was the finest one that I have been in for a long time,—full of heart prayers, confessions and consecrations; it brought every one closer to the Master. My prayer for all of you is that you be given praying strength.

I was invited on the twenty-second of February to attend the sixteenth anniversary of the Bloomfield C. E. Society. I found a very wide awake society that had prepared an excellent programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, also readings, followed by a banquet, at which the pastor of the society acted as toastmaster, bringing out in an excellent manner the large number of fine addresses made by the members.

The whole affair was a grand success and reflects a great deal of credit on the committee having it in charge.

I recommend that all societies increase their social work in just such a way.

We shall have a union meeting in April. Make up your mind to attend. There will be a social hour following the regular hour service, that we hope to make very successful.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS, President.

Dr. Bartholomew's Timely Words.

In accepting the presidency of the Pennsylvania state union, to which he was recently elected, Rev. Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew of Philadelphia wrote these timely words:

"Dr. Clark's triple watchwords for advance work are: Organize, vitalize, evangelize. May I add a fourth, liberalize, and place it first in order so that the words will form an acrostic

and spell the word love, which sums up our whole duty to God and man? Liberalize, organize, vitalize, evangelize.

"Yes, we need to press the Christian Endeavor work in love until every congregation will have a society wherein the young may be taught that God is no respecter of persons, but that in every nation he that feareth Him, believeth on Him and liveth for Him is a child of love and an heir of heaven. By its interdenominational character the Christian Endeavor society is helping to answer the prayer of our Lord when He said, 'That they may all be one, even as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.' In the conventions and rallies held everywhere Christian Endeavorers are brought face to face with the members of all Protestant denominations who belong to the one fold into which the Great Shepherd is waiting to gather all His saints in warfare. May the golden chain of Christian Endeavor bind our hearts with the sacred tie of a common brotherhood and thus prepare us for the perfect communion of the saints in heaven!"

Mr. Roosevelt's Good Wishes.

Through the Golden Rule I wish all good fortune to the hundreds of thousands of young people whose membership in the Christian Endeavor societies ought to and, I firmly believe, will confer such lasting benefits on this country. I trust they will remember that in order to be good men and women they must be good citizens and that they must work for purer and better politics, bearing in mind that the corruptionist and the demagogue, the selfish man who tries to swindle his fellows for his own benefit and the no less selfish man who tries to arouse a spirit of hatred and dissension by an appeal to envy and the portrayal of fancied injuries should alike receive the reprobation of those who desire decency in our political life.—Theodore Roosevelt, When Police Commissioner of New York City.

Nuggets From Dr. Clark.

Let me give you these three watchwords for this year: Organize. Vitalize. Evangelize.

We are only half organized in our church work—that is, we are organized in a slipshod way. God can use an organization in the religious world.

The difference between a mollusk and a man is a matter of organization very largely.

"Giving every one something to do" is the ideal of Christian Endeavor.

The very worst mistake is never to attempt anything for the Lord. Better attempt and bungle in it ever so badly than never to attempt at all.

There are new fields to conquer, new victories to win, more young people whom we can win. New generations are constantly coming forward. Are you looking after them? Are you reaching out for them?

The Keystone President.

The Pennsylvania state union has a new president in the person of Rev.



DR. A. R. BARTHOLOMEW.

Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew is the secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Reformed church. He is a long time Endeavorer, thoroughly conversant with its principles, and his executive ability, so well recognized in

his own church, will make him a fit leader for the Endeavorer hosts of the Keystone State.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning March 20.

Topic.—Little things that Christ makes great.—1 Cor. i. 25-29.

On one occasion during the Centennial exposition of 1876 at Philadelphia suddenly the machinery of the great exhibition stopped. The wonderful Corliss engine that furnished the power for all the various departments was examined, and it was found that one of its smallest parts was disarranged, and yet it brought everything in the exposition to a complete standstill! Thus we are taught that the day of small things is not to be despised. In nature and in human history God constantly emphasizes the fact that little things can become great and are of great importance. An acorn becomes a giant oak. The constant falling water wears away the stone and makes the mighty Niagara falls. The falling of an apple led to the discovery of the law of gravitation, the spider's web across a pathway suggested the suspension bridge, and the escaping steam from a boiling kettle furnished the idea of the application of steam as a power in the industrial world. What wonderful results from such feeble beginnings! Yet the hand of God was in it, and from it all we can learn that God can make little things great.

The history of the Christian church proves the ability of God in Christ to make greatness from littleness. Gideon with 300 men overcame a great army of the Midianites. David with a sling and pebble conquered the Philistine giant and led to Israel's great victory over the ancient enemy. In the early history of the Christian church the same fact is richly illustrated. Not many men wise in human wisdom, not many men occupying exalted positions, not many men of distinguished family history were called to establish Christ's kingdom. Instead, Christ called humble, unknown, unread fishermen and tradesmen that the world might know that Christianity was divinely and not humanly established—"that no flesh should glory in His presence."

The church and Christian people of-

ten need to recall the fact that God and Christ can make small things great. Cicero says that "the Corinthians were famous not only for their luxuriousness, but also for their scientific and philosophic culture." The Corinthians therefore needed this lesson. They may have been inclined to trust too much in the wisdom, luxury, wealth and culture of men rather than in Christ and hence Paul tells them that these things are nothing to God and that His method is to use foolishness rather than wisdom, men of low degree rather than men of high degree, the base things, the despised things, of the world, and yet out of them to make great men and great things, because He is God. The Christian church today tends to pander to worldly wisdom, wealth and culture. The wise are honored overmuch. The rich too often lord it over the church simply because of their riches, and culture is given a larger place in the church than simple and humble piety. Individual Christians also need to be reminded of this lesson. There are many unused talents in our churches because they are not great talents, many little deeds undone because they are not great deeds, many helpful words unspoken because they cannot be eloquently spoken. Christ can make little things great—the little word, the little deed, the little talent. Therefore consecrate it to Him and let Him use it for His glory, and not only will it redound to His honor and glory, but also to your own good, for not even a cup of cold water given in His name is without its reward. Therefore despise not the day of small things, for Christ can make the little things great.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. xxviii, 9-13; Ps. xix, 14; Zech. iv, 1-14; Matt. x, 42; xii, 36; xxv, 14-30; xxvi, 6-13; Mark iv, 30-32; xii, 41-44; John vi, 1-13; Jas. iii, 1-6.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning March 27.

Topic.—Jesus' work for His own country. "What can I do for mine?" Matt. iv, 23-25; xxiii, 27.

There are some countries in the world that have had a peculiar power to arouse the love of their sons and to inspire them with a deep spirit of patriotic self sacrifice. Scotland is such a country. The Scotchman the world over still loves his native land. Two gentlemen being introduced, one said to the other, "Are you a Scotchman?" The other instinctively drew himself up, raised his hand to his forehead, saluted and replied, "I have that honor, sir." America has also been a land characterized by the intense patriotism of its people. So also was ancient Palestine, the land of God's chosen people. The ancient Jews fondly loved their native land, and the modern ones, scattered worldwide, still look with longing eyes toward the sacred land of their fathers. David sang, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy," and Paul wrote, "I could wished myself accursed from heaven

for my brethren's sakes, who are Israelites."

1. Christ took the spell of Jewish patriotism and first of all loved His country. This love was specially manifested in His exclamation as He contemplated the future destruction of Jerusalem, the holy city, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens beneath her wings, and ye would not." In these words we have the passionate cry of the lover of his country. We should imitate Christ in His patriotism. First of all, a man must love his land if he would serve it.

2. Christ lived for His country. His public ministry was largely spent in Palestine. He went about teaching, healing the sick and doing good. He gave His life to the uplifting of His people philanthropically, educationally, socially, morally and spiritually. In these ways we can be of use to our country. We can live for it, do all we can to extend goodness, morals and religion, for as these things exist or cease to exist a country becomes strong or weak.

3. Christ obeyed the laws of His country. In every instance where Christ came into contact with law He obeyed it and upheld it. He paid taxes to the despised Roman government and urged the people "to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." If we will respect, uphold and obey the laws of our land and encourage others to do so we will greatly serve it. Every law-breaker is an enemy to the best interests of his country, while every one who holds the law sacred and complies with it is the friend and supporter of his land.

4. Christ died for His country. Christ died for the world; but, first of all, He died for His country, for His own people. He came first "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." If called upon to die for our country we should be willing to do so, and in days of peace we should always be willing to practice a spirit of self denial toward the land that protects and guards us. Let us love and serve and pray that God may always bless our land and make it more and more Immanuel's land.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ez. vi, 8-10; Neh. ii, 1-5; Ps. li, 18; cxxxvii, 20; Prov. xiv, 34; Jer. xxix, 7; Matt. xvii, 24-27; xxii, 15-21; I Tim. ii, 1-3; Heb. xi, 8-16.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning April 3.

Topic.—Our victories through Christ. I Cor. xv, 50-58. (Easter meeting.)

Approaching the end of His life, Jesus said to His disciples, "In the world ye have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." The inference is that since He has overcome they also can and will overcome. And this inference is correct. Christianity is a triumphant, a victorious, religion. Not only did its Head and

Founder overcome, but His followers in all ages have possessed the same power and do still today. Through Christ we may be victorious over adversity, tribulation, bereavement, sin and death.

The victories especially referred to in connection with this Easter meeting are those over death and its accompanying terrors. Life is a continuous battle, but the greatest enemy to the human race is death. "There is no discharge in that war," and it is looked upon with dread by the vast majority of mankind. But the child of God in Christ becomes triumphant even over the last enemy and can say, "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1. Christ gives us victory over the sting of death. Death has a sting. We do not like to think of the end of life. Life is sweet, and we fondly cling to it, finding it unpleasant to contemplate the separation from loved ones, friends and the things of life that we have loved. But, while this is true, we must sometimes consider death, and when the thought enters into our minds it carries a sting with it, and "the sting of death is sin." If we had never sinned, death would have no sting, but the law tells us of our sins, and then the thought of the future has its sting. But Christ takes the guilt of sin from us and in so doing removes the sting of sin, so that we can victoriously exclaim, "O death, where is thy sting?"

2. Christ gives us victory over death itself. Death and the grave always seem to be victorious. They are apparent victors, for no one ever escapes them. Death is no respecter of persons, and yet when the Christian dies the grave wins no victory, for Christ has overcome the grave, and His followers shall overcome it. They die but to live again under even better circumstances than in this life, so that death and the grave are robbed of any victorious character, and the child of God even contemplating the event may exultantly exclaim: "O grave, where is thy victory?" "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Victory through Christ! He alone has overcome the last enemy of mankind, and through Him alone can we overcome. "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." Well may we thank God for this victory of victories—victory over the fear of death, victory over the sting of death, victory over death itself! "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory."

BIBLE READINGS.

Job xix, 25, 26; Ps. xvii, 15; Dan. xii, 1-3; Matt. xxii, 31, 32; Luke xiv, 1-14; xxiv, 1-12; John v, 28, 29; Rom. vi, 1-11; I Cor. xv, 12-20; Col. iii, 1-10; I Pet. i, 1-9; I John iii, 1-3.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning April 10.

Topic.—How the world's standards conflict with Christ's. Matt. v, 43-48; I John ii, 15-17.

That there is a difference between the

standards of the world and of Christ cannot be denied. The world in this sense is of course the carnal world, the hearts and lives of unregenerate men, the world of false business principles and standards, the world of sinful pleasure, the world of selfishness and of sin. Christ recognized the difference referred to, and He and the apostles laid emphasis upon the fact that Christ's people were to come out from the world and be separate from it, not conformed to it, but transformed by the Spirit of God.

The beatitudes of Christ are an illustration of the difference between the standards of Christ and those of the world. Christ said, "Blessed are the poor;" the world says, "Blessed are the rich." Christ said, "Blessed are they that mourn;" the world says, "Blessed are they who are free from affliction and mourning." Christ said, "Blessed are the meek;" the world, "Blessed are the strong and aggressive." Christ, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst;" the world, "Blessed are they that have plenty to eat and drink." Who can read these beatitudes of Christ, who can understand the Christ spirit and the world spirit, and not be convinced that they are as far apart as the east from the west? Christ was in the world, but not of the world, and so His disciples, though in the world, should not be of it.

But since the standards of the world and Christ differ, how do they differ? They differ in their very spirit and foundations, which determine their external character. The difference is internal and then external. Christ's kingdom is founded upon love, unselfish, self denying love; the world kingdom upon selfishness, retaliation and hate. The world says: "Love those who love you. Hate those who hate you. Mistreat those who mistreat you." Its law is that of retaliation and its rule "Do unto others as they do unto you." How different the standards of Christ—"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that spitefully use you and persecute!" Why? That we may be like God, who blesses the just and the unjust alike. But is the standard a possible one? Can we give love for enmity, blessings for curses, goodness for hate and prayers for mistreatment? It seems incredible, and yet by the grace of God it is possible, and for that grace we should pray and labor if it is not already ours. An unloving, selfish, retaliating professor of Christianity is one of the most pitiable objects in life and a stumbling block in the way of others. Let us shun the world standard and cultivate the Christ standard. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, * * * for the world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

BIBLE READINGS.

Dan. i, 1-8; Matt. iv, 1-11; v, 1-12; Mark iv, 14-20; John xv, 17-27; xvii, 9-17; Rom. xii, 1, 2; II Cor. vi, 14-18; Heb. xi; I John iii, 10-18; iv, 4-21; v, 1-5.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Opera House meetings for men closed with the service on March 27. These meetings have had an average attendance during the winter of 800 men. The influences that have been exerted there are bound to be of great value in the lives of hundreds of men. At least 100 men have signified in various ways their intention of leading a better life and many of these, it is believed, are entering upon the Christian experience. The Sunday meetings for men will be continued at the Association building during the month of April. Two illustrated services will be held April 3 and 10, conducted by the General Secretary, Mr. Jacks. On April 17, a deputation of Yale students will have charge of the meeting, and on April 21, Miss Anna McKean White, for many years a missionary in Utah, will give an illustrated address on the condition of things in that Mormon state. The Bible Study Club of the Association closes with a banquet to its members and friends Wednesday evening, March 30. The guest of the evening will be Mr. George Sherwood Eddy, recently returned from India on a furlough. Mr. Eddy has been the representative of the Young Men's Christian Association in that great land for seven years. He is considered one of the brightest and most effective speakers in the force of foreign secretaries.

The Hillyer Institute closed its work with the annual banquet on the 16th of the month. Over 260 individual students were enrolled this past season. A spring course is being carried forward in three departments. The institute work is becoming more and more efficient and valuable and is offering unexcelled opportunities to young men for self culture.

The fiscal year of the association closes April 30. Much help is needed if the Treasurer's books are to be closed out the balance on the right side. The season of the year is past for large membership returns and the Board of Management must depend on friends and supporters to make the year come out even on the financial side. The last collections are now being made on subscription received two years ago, for cancelling the mortgage. It is hoped that the last dollar will be collected before the anniversary celebration which will be held in Parsons' Theater, Sunday night, May 8.

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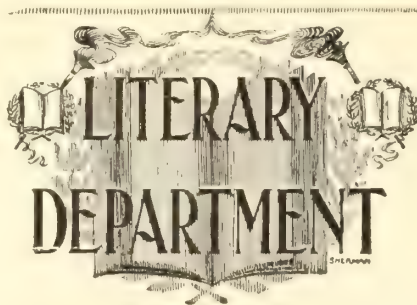
The meeting of the W. C. T. U. on February 23 was observed as a memorial for Miss Frances Willard, who was the first national president of this great organization. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. S. B. Forbes, followed by an able address by Rev. Dinah Griffin. Suitable selections were read by Mrs. A. D. Cross concerning the life work of Miss Willard. The biographical of Miss Willard was presented to Mrs. Forbes, the president.

The meeting held on March 8 was conducted in devotional service by Mrs. E. A. Deming. The address was given by Mrs. Anna D. Pollard, superintendent of schools at Southington. The address was intensely interesting, as well as instructive, the subject being "The Moral Responsibility of Woman's Ballot on School Questions." The strength of the ballot for women was emphasized in doing our duty by the children in our schools, as well as in all questions of a public nature.

Mr. C. N. Ruedlinger, whose advertisement appears on our back cover, makes a specialty of pruning and spraying. This spring, there will be many lawns in bad shape, on account of the hard winter, and Mr. Ruedlinger is especially qualified to do what grading and new planting is required.

Miss Dowling in the Waverley building is now ready to show the latest styles in spring millinery and to take orders for the same.

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Parsons' Magazine for March is its fifth anniversary number. There has been, unquestionably, marked improvement during this time. In the current number are four timely and interesting special articles—The Tragedy of Fort Phil Kearney, the first paper of Dr. Cyrus Townsend Brady's series of Indian Fights and Fighters; the third article by Mr. Henry George on Modern Methods of "Finance"—The Asphalt Trust Catastrophe; Bird Babies, by Gerard Grant Allen and Leonard Buttress, and A New Way of Measuring the Diameter of the Earth, by T. C. Porter.

The March *Century* is especially of interest for its fiction, though topics of trade and of personal interest are present also.

The installment of "The Sea Wolf" is of sustained power and interest, while "The Warning of Sexton Maginnis"

and "The Man Behind the Drums" are excellent works of humor. "The Paris Bourse," an article on the Pope and another on Bismarck, are all notable subjects, which, however, are merely suggestive of the varied and attractive table of contents.

Everybody's Magazine lives up to its reputation for obtaining "scoops" for the character study of the Czar, by Arnold White, a man well qualified to speak on the subject. The article on "Judge Taft and the Filipinos," and "The Word of J. Pierpont Morgan as an Asset," may also be considered of special merit. The article "A Peep Behind the Purdah" is too complacent to be true to life, too illogical to be plausible—but it is interesting.

The *Woman's Home Companion* for March contains 50 pages of good things. Best of all is Mrs. Will H. Low's article on "French Home Cooking for American Households." This is a series invaluable to American cooks. Other features are "True Stories of Heroic School Teachers," "Colonial Dames of America," "Wireless Energy, the Wonder of the Twentieth Century," "The Coming War," and several short stories.

The Burr-McIntosh Monthly has a collection of photographs which will interest everyone. The portraits are more than good and range widely, while the color work grows better with every issue. Panoramic pictures of the Baltimore fire give one an accurate idea of its magnitude and of the climatic conditions that held at the time, for the ruins are seen simply festooned with icicles.

Korea. By Angus Hamilton. 315 pages. 8 vo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

Now, when Korea seems on the verge of dissolution as a distinct nation, it is well to have such a work as this to read. The story of Korea up to date, her history, customs, people, products and other features that give distinctiveness, are treated with a careful and studious judgment and related most interestingly.

To call it a "timely" work is not sufficient, for while it is that, it is essentially a book with a mission, unconsciously, perhaps, but not the less so for that reason.

For the Orient and its peoples are coming closer into our life as a nation and the problems the new conditions will bring demand that we know all that is possible of the customs and peoples we must deal with.

The illustrations are good and well chosen from unhackneyed subjects. A map and a good index add greatly to the practical value and interest of the volume.

Personalia. By "Sigma." 324 pages. 12 mo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$1.25.

"Sigma" is the pseudonym of an Englishman, of whom it is said that he is too high in public life to allow the use of his real name. There is, then, a certain pathos in being famous.

Well, at least we may enjoy his reminiscences and they are indeed so full of wit and human interest, so keenly

analytical and broadminded, that one is not at all inclined to doubt their authenticity.

So when "Sigma" tells us of a Swinburne and a Distrach not just familiar to us, it must be confessed that his estimate rings convincingly and we amend ours. Indeed, of many dignitaries of politics, of the law and of the church the portraits given are more intimate and usually more pleasing than we had had before.

Cap'n Eric. A Story of the Coast. By Joseph C. Lincoln. 307 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

A story that introduces interesting

worthy a wider circulation, even, than it has already had.

New England History in Ballads. By Edward Everett Hale and His Children. 182 pages, crown 8 vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$2.00.

The idea of this work is an excellent one. The day of the ballad, having passed long ago, that gap in New England history has long been notable. Old England's historical ballads were long sung and are even now, but hitherto, we of Yankeeedom, have not, without many breaks in sequence, been able to sing our history. So posterity owes a new debt to the Hale family.

arouse one's gallantry and no one could pick his argument to pieces in view of that fact.

Left in Charge. By Clara Morris. 355 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co. Price, \$1.50.

This novel, by one whose public career caused such great popular interest to be accorded her recently published "Reminiscences," is not at all on such a subject as one might expect, but instead, deals with the early days of Quincy, Illinois, and the rough, but hospitable backwoods people of that period.

There is much tragedy in the story, some of it verging on the unreal and



THE PONY STUMBLES ON.

From "New England History in Ballads."

Little, Brown & Co., Publishers.

and distinctive characters on the first page and promptly involves them in a dilemma half serious and yet humorous, is liable to hold the interest steadily throughout. This is such a "yarn" and one will laugh heartily many times before the reading is finished.

There is pathos, as well as humor, and a love story as well, and for all the variety of its incidents and the characters, a high tone of refinement is sustained.

The book is illustrated by tinted drawings which are both sympathetic and clever.

A Manual of Ethics. By John S. Mackenzie, M. A. 472 pages, 12 mo. New York: Hinds & Noble. Price \$1.50.

While this is intended for a text book, being in use in over two hundred colleges, universities and normal schools, its excellences make it valuable for every thoughtful reader. Especially can it be recommended, as it is lucid and interesting, and instead of reading a dull treatise, one finds it a truly fascinating study.

This is the fourth revised and improved edition of the work, and it is

Some of these ballads are cruder than is allowable, but on the whole they are witty, significant and clever.

There are ten excellent drawings for the book, one of which, through the courtesy of the publishers, we reproduce herewith.

Her Infinite Variety. By Brand Whitlock, 168 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis. The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

Aside from the story one is immediately struck with the dainty and artistic workmanship expended on this volume. Its illustrations by Christy are in full sympathy with the text and the careful work of the type arrangement and the page decorations are noteworthy, while the covers are neat and attractive.

The love story told, while short, is a most clever and happily conceived idea. In fact a heroine more charming has not appeared in recent fiction and one regrets that the acquaintance with her is so short, for the story sweeps along and is done almost before one realizes.

Vernon's speech in favor of Woman's Rights is a trifle more melo-dramatic than practical, but his sentiments

so lacking in impressiveness, but the delineation of the lives, habits and characteristics of the settlers is excellent and enlightening. Luckily, the author appreciated the happier side of their lives and the pathos is balanced by much humor and some genuine wit.

Violett. By Baroness von Hutten. 285 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a sad and depressing tale, though true to nature and of philosophic depth.

There is a lesson in it that mankind will never learn,—that is the necessity for earnest effort to understand and aid the artistic temperament.

This story of Violett Maule, a boy musician whose early life was passed in his lighthouse home in the English Channel, is too true to life. His suffering through the knowledge of a crime his father had committed and been hanged for, is accentuated by experiences which ruined his life.

His love for the vulgar Minnie Bayne, whom he idolized, proves a thing of great happiness and comfort to him and his life ended before this dream was dispelled.

The Sign of Triumph. By Alice Sharp and Stephen C. Page. 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

"The Children's Crusade" is one of the most extraordinary movements in history. Nearly one hundred thousand children were induced to leave their homes in France and Germany and make a crusade against Jerusalem.

It is odd that this wonderful and dramatic event has hardly been touched upon in fiction, and now it has been re-

peated by real and convincing persons, there will be many whose interest in an eerie tale and a charming romance will cause them to discount faults of technique.

After all, the writer strove rather to tell a "rattling good story"—the old term comes in handily—and he succeeded well.

The Emigrant. By Louis S. Brudon. 302 pages, 12 mo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

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The charming tale of the love of a gentleman adventurer for one of the young pilgrims, his rescue of her and his devotion to her, gives a deeper interest to the historical part, in which the enthusiastic beginning and the pathos of the disaster to the expedition is well presented.

Doctor Xavier. By Max Pemberton. 355 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author of "The House Under the Sea" needs no introduction to readers who see a copy of his new books.

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The story is told as though it were a romance, but it is in reality a record of real events and real people. This is very evident, for the author's strong personality pervades the whole work.

The story begins in the heart of Lithuania, Russia, where amid massacre and persecution, the quaint ceremonial orthodox life is followed. It ends in New York, where the evolution of the characters in the novel is developed from raw immigrant to potential American citizen.

From Agnosticism to Theism. By Charles F. Dole. 29 pages, 16 mo. Boston: James H. West Co. Price, in cloth 30 cents; paper 12 cents.

It is such books as this and such free utterances that better all conditions. The light of truth never destroys that which is worth preservation and more than one man who has travelled the course that Mr. Dole indicates will appreciate the value of this essay and the parable that is a part of it.

The Condemnation of the Cross. By Rev. Chas. H. Brent, D. D., Bishop of the Philippine Islands. 122 pages, 16 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price 90 cents.

This sermon on the Seven Last Words of the Saviour was the last utterance on the Passion, to the author's congregation, whom he had served for nearly thirty years.

In it therefore is condensed the thought, the earnestness and deep influencing vigor that could only be inspired by such an occasion.

The Baronet in Corduroy. By Albert Lee. 376 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a story of the days of knights and ladies and yet one hardly realizes that the characters in it are not everyday ones. There is little of the glamour of romance that one associates with the period. It is doubtless because of the author's grasp of his subject that he leaves too much for the reader to assume. It is a careless tendency in any writer, for it irritates a reader.

None the less, the vigor of the plot carries one along and holds the interest steadily. The story is not a cheerful one, but it has many fine passages.

What Shall I Do? By John Sidney Stoddard. 276 pages, 12 mo. New York: Hinds & Noble. Price \$1.00.

The question demands an answer evidently and if it were not impertinent one might suggest that there is money in telling how to get rich. But it is a serious problem to many boys and girls—and their parents too—when the time comes for them to decide on a vocation.

The author has recognized the need and has tried to help. He can only help a little, but the fifty profitable occupations he considers are well estimated and his conclusions are sound and practical.

The Corner in Coffee. By Cyrus Townsend Brady. 298 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co. Price \$1.50.

The versatility of Mr. Brady is as remarkable as the frequency with which his work surprises us. He seems to know "a little of everything and everything about some things" and one has no idea what the subject or the nature of his next work is to be.

Now it is the "Coffee Exchange" and the love-affairs of a middle-aged hero and heroine that forms the subject of this novel. The story is light and moves rapidly, but the characters have interesting personalities for the most part and so it seems regrettable that the story could not have been more carefully and seriously written.

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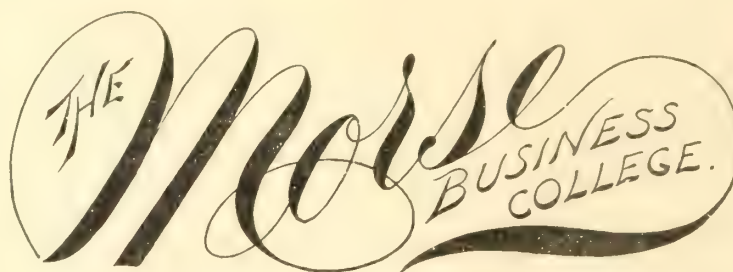
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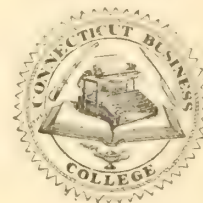
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For interest,	94,594,772.79
For rents,	9,887,073.46
Balance forward 1902	1,057,134.44
Total receipts,	\$32,886,767.58
It has paid death claims	
to	\$18,148,473.66
Endowments and an- nuities for	16,144,893.90
For surrendered Pol- icies	7,771,346.49
For dividends,	65,054,360.11

ANALYSED TO
REVENUES OF 1903
Total assets, 1903
99.9 per cent of the
entire premiums re-
ceived, \$27,188,894.46
It has paid on Expenses \$9,893,826.78
Taxes, 11,621,496.45
Total expenditure, 289,633,917.39
Balance forward 1902, 1904, 863,211,528.89
It has no other assets, 1,722,918.34
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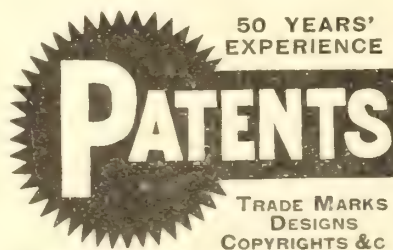
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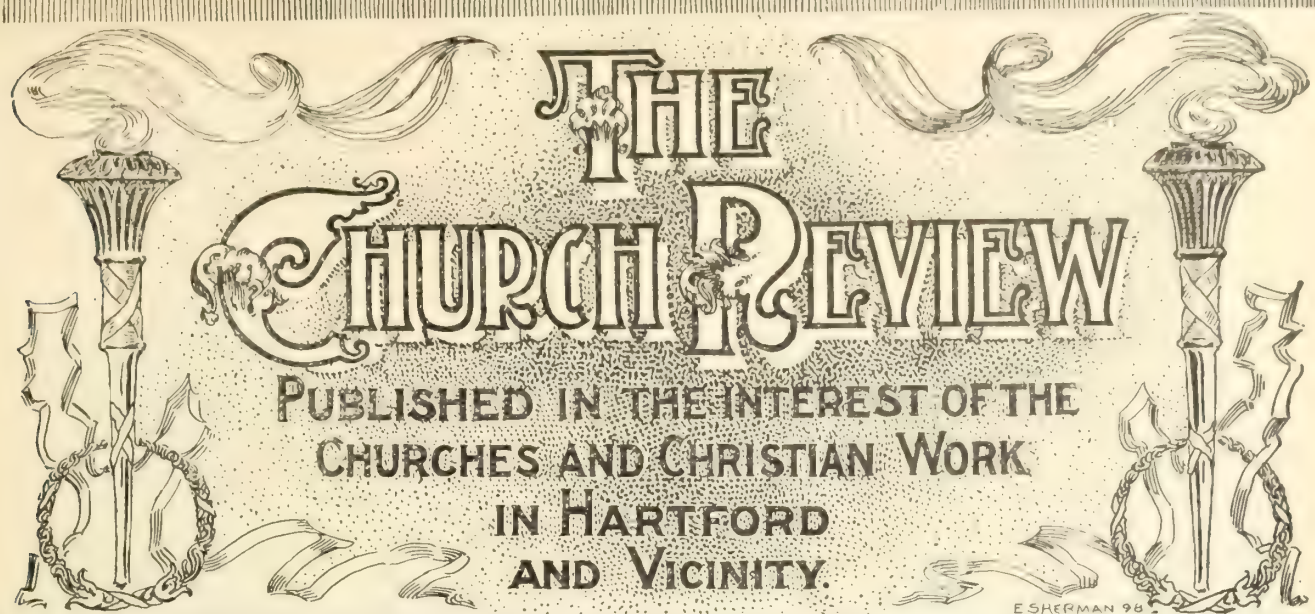


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Beat back, with blow on blow;
By one, with toil, with tireless toil,
Make thou elysium grow!
While tocsins fierce reverberate;
While rocks unheven of work await;
One hand to war must pledge;
Must swing, with one, the sledge!

Thy hands are twain; by one, let gain
Heap high thy golden store;
By one, then give, that joy may live
In lives bereft and poor!
Let no hand dare be miserly
But that another eagerly
From coffers huge and deep
May bless God's fainting sheep!

Thy hands are twain: by one, with pain
Seize fast some lofty crag;
By one, then clasp some brother's grasp
Who else may downward drag!
Thy hands are twain for self in vain!
Thy hands' despair shall grip but air
If both dare clutch the sky
And leave a brother die!

—Sunday School Times.

HARTFORD SOCIAL SETTLEMENT.

The Social Settlement has passed the experimental stage and become an established factor in the life of the city. It is no longer regarded as a fad by society nor looked upon with suspicion by the neighbors. Instead of being ignored or merely tolerated, as it was a few years ago, it is now accepted as an indispensable part of the neighborhood life. The story of its growth is told in the last report of the secretary, Miss Caroline M. Hewins, as follows:

"The Hartford Social Settlement differs so greatly from the Sunny Corner of 1895, that it is interesting to trace through the reports of its various secretaries its growth and development since a meeting to organize the Hartford Sociological Club was held in January of that year at a house in Farmington

Avenue. There had been for a year or more several clubs and classes on the lower floor of the house at 15 North street, and these clubs and classes, organized by two young women who had worked in the Rivington Street Settlement in New York, became the nucleus of what was a new and unfamiliar name in Hartford, a Social Settlement. The house, which is still standing, was of the flat-roofed, dry-goods box pattern, fronting south, whence its first name of Sunny Corner. The entrance was on the east side, up a short flight of steps which led to a narrow and rickety veranda, commanding a view, not even like Mr. Pickwick's, of "across the way," but across a gangway to a like veranda and another tenement house, also with a side entrance. Inside, the house was in bad condition. Some of the rooms had been painted, but the cellar was damp and unclean, and the plumbing so unsanitary that it had to be removed after making the first headworker ill. The walls were thin, and both sides of the house had been in the hands of careless tenants. There was no room in the Settlement more than eleven feet square. Downstairs there were two rooms of this size for clubs, scantily furnished, a store-room and a little room for the branch library that was opened at the same time as the rest of the house, where children used at first to burrow two or three at a time in a cupboard for their books. In this room was a melodeon irreverently known among the workers as "the buzz-gun." The only means of heating the house was by stoves.

The second floor was as pleasant and cheerful as it could be made with the amount of money at hand. The front room was sitting and dining room, the headworker's room opened from it, and there were a kitchen and another bedroom at the back. The third floor was for the use of residents and might be used for clubs at their discretion. At one time a young married pair, students in the School of Sociology, made two of the rooms pleasant and habitable with their books and works of art. Another was the private sitting-room of the headworker, and equally at-

tractive. She had a piano, and the young people used to sing there. Several theological students lived in the upper rooms of the adjoining house, during one summer, studying the neighborhood.

At the time that the house was opened, the Board of Managers held a meeting nearly every week. One of these meetings reported fifty cents in the treasury, another sixty-six. There was a flood within a month after the house opened, the highest known in years, and a baby next door was drowned.

It will be seen that the accommodations for clubs and classes were very limited. There was no room large enough for more than a very small neighborhood gathering, for gymnastics or kitchen-garden, and there could be very few clubs at a time. The first summer, the house was kept open by Miss Wilde, a student in the Theological Seminary, after the departure of a temporary headworker. The next winter the house was so cramped and inconvenient that the question of moving was considered, but there was no better dwelling in the immediate neighborhood, and it seemed unwise to leave a street where the Settlement had established itself. At the end of the first year there were twenty-seven clubs and classes, and Sunday afternoon meetings, where speakers from uptown addressed a club of men on political and social questions. This club outgrew its small room, met for a time in the Gas Company's building, and after more than two years of successful work disbanded because of difficulty in obtaining lecturers. It is, however, not saying too much to express the opinion that its influence is felt in several workingmen's clubs and clubs for good citizenship still in existence in different parts of the city.

At the end of the first year, the United Workers, who had acquired a grand piano, sent their square piano to the Settlement, where it still remains in good tone.

There was a large open lot behind the house, used as a cow pasture, which the Settlement tried hard to get as a playground, but was unable to buy.

Christmas week began the summer with picnics and parties. There were no games, parties, and good times, but the Settlement has always been the place where the children, whatever toys are sent at Christmas are common property in the playroom.

The second summer was the Settlement's first year. It was from the Settlemental Club failed. There was no money to pay the rent of a whole house or the salary of a resident headworker, and the idea of the house for study and

the small rooms prevented many things from taking form. Of healthy, happy play there was much, so much that at last the landlord said that he could find no tenant for his second floor on account of the noise on the first. This was perhaps to induce the Settlement to take the whole building, but it happened about that time, in the spring of 1898, that there was for sale on the other side of the street, near the Valley Railroad, a small detached house, which had been owned and lived in for many years by a woman who had been a good subject. There were two floors, with four

small red-brick house with a strip of land in front and at the side, enough for a few plants. At the back is a good-sized garden, that is gay with flowers from May to November, and has a sand-box for the children to play in besides. Inside, the large front room made by throwing two rooms together, has a pretty, light paper, an open fireplace, colored photographs of Venice, Norway and Switzerland, a piano, a bookcase, comfortable chairs, and two stereoscopes that are greatly prized in the neighborhood. On the other side is a room that belonged to the Charter Oak



KITCHEN GARDEN.

classroom, with no but sleeping expenses were all that could be afforded for more than a year.

Some of the older boys and young men in the street asked, when the Settlement was about two years old, if they might have a room to meet in. This was the beginning of the Charter Oak Club, which had no expenses. At first the members had to stand shivering about the doorway on cold nights until the children's stoves were open. Then the partition between the front room and the library was taken down and the library moved to the storeroom. With the enlargement of the room, new paint, a rug on the floor, the piano and a case of books, the club had a meeting place which was not unpleasant. The Charter Oak Club had a successful policy until some of its members enlisted for the Spanish-American war. This club, after many entertainments had been given for it, invited all the friends who had contributed to its pleasure, and had an entertainment for them.

The children's summer were arranged, and the activities of the Settlement were limited by the fact that the children's stoves were not

rooms each, two of moderate size, and two small, and a low unfinished garret, with a room partitioned off at the front. The owner was willing to sell house and lot, a good-sized piece of land in the tract for about \$2,500. The purchase was made by Mr. James M. Thomson, who suggested the next winter the great need of cooking-classes for young girls who are employed during the day, and offered to provide a stove and pay the expense of a teacher. Many of the girls who leave school at fourteen are below the grade where cooking is taught, and need to know how to prepare simple food in their own homes. The class began in a small room, which the stove almost filled up. The house was not fitted for residents, and after many consultations of the Board of Managers, it was decided in November, 1899, to ask Mr. Thomson to enlarge it for an increased rent. The addition was finished in February, 1900. The furnishings have come little by little, and this is the present condition of the house.

The numbers have been changed in the street, and although the Settlement is on the corner side from Sunny Corner, it has its old number, 15. It is a

Club until lately, but is now used as a general reception room. There is an open fireplace here, too, with the Settlement motto, "He who joy would win must share it." Out of this room opens on one side the headworker's office, with business desk and telephone, and on the other the long, sunny dining-room, low-ceiled with southern pine. It has a large rug in cheerful colors, a corner cupboard and sideboard, a stand of plants and a stairway leading to the residents' rooms. Out of the dining room leads the kitchen, nineteen by twenty-four feet, full of sunshine and fresh air, with its two doors and four windows, and a view of sunrise and moonrise over the river meadows and Bolton hills. The large stove takes up so little room that it is very easy to put up a curtain and give a shadow play or act charades at the other end.

Upstairs in the new part of the house are four bedrooms, all furnace-heated, and a bathroom for the residents. A door leads into the children's playroom, with its open fireplace, and out of that are the bathroom of the Mermaid Club, and the library. There is another bedroom on this floor, and also the picture

gallery, where children can choose pictures to take home and keep for a few weeks. This room has an open fire place, comfortable chairs, a divan and bookcase, and a sewing machine for the Fireside Club of young women. The house is full of pictures, photographs and other reproductions, inexpensive but interesting, from the great masters, or views of famous places or buildings.

Up in the third story are a storeroom and the gymnasium, with a piano for dancing and kitchen-garden, and a punching bag where the boys of various athletic clubs let off their superflu-

ity of its building for practice. Many of the children go to the Riverside Park playground in the summer, and the young girl who collected them and acted as principal's assistant, has been a member of the Settlement clubs ever since the first sewing class was opened in the street.

The residents are members of the Civic Club and Educational Club, and the headworker is one of the conference of East-side workers, which meets monthly for a better understanding of the conditions in that part of the city. The teacher of the North School,

have entered the settlement and entered into its life. The following young lady, Katherine Thompson, who received the prize offered to the girls of the Class of 1901, Hartford Public High School, will show how the Settlement is regarded in the neighborhood.

"The Hartford Social Settlement is a very modest-looking, unassuming place on the outside. Still, as a stranger goes through the street, he is invariably prompted to ask of one of the many children always playing in its yard, what place this is, for the Settlement has a two-story, a garden and white cupola



THE FIRESIDE CLUB.

ous vitality. You think that you have seen it all when you go downstairs and face the front door? No, turn around and open that other door that takes you into a neat, whitewashed cellar with open fireplace. This is the Charter Oak Club's room, with hammock, couch, lounging chairs, flags and pictures. Behind it is a shower bath for young men and boys.

In the house next door is a neatly painted and papered room for the use of the visiting nurse of the Guild of St. Barnabas. The records of the secretaries show that other organizations besides this Guild in the city have worked with the Settlement. The Motherhood Club has taken charge of picnics in the summer, and individuals in it have invited children's clubs to their own grounds, and small parties of Settlement children were sent to the country one summer through the help of the City Mission.

The Theological Seminary has permitted some of our young men to practice in its gymnasium. The Young Men's Christian Association one year made special terms for members of the Charter Oak Club, and the School for the Deaf allowed the polo team the use

of its building for practice. Many of the children go to the Riverside Park playground in the summer, and the young girl who collected them and acted as principal's assistant, has been a member of the Settlement clubs ever since the first sewing class was opened in the street.

Several of the members of clubs in the early days of the Settlement are now students in great universities. Others are in the High School, looking towards a college or professional training. Most of the young people, however, go to work before they have finished the district school course, but some of them wish their younger brothers and sisters to have more school years. The extension of the evening school makes it possible for studious boys and girls to have a more thorough and regular training than a Settlement class can give them, and some of the best teachers the Settlement has had are now regularly employed in this school.

No one who knew the Settlement under its first conditions would recognize it now in the pleasant house, which is entirely homelike, and not in the least akin to an "institution."

It is interesting to know, also, how the Settlement is viewed by those who

curtains, which cannot be said of all the houses in the street. When he is told that this is the Social Settlement, it conveys no very definite idea to him except, perhaps, of a Socialist Club, and he little knows how much it means to a great many people.

It is interesting to note how quickly the Settlement has grown. The motto of it, "He who joy would win, must share it," which hangs over the fireplace in the club room, shows why it has grown so quickly. The end for which it aimed in the beginning, to help the whole neighborhood, has been reached by degrees, and as the neighborhood has grown better, so has the Settlement grown with it.

The first that I can remember of it is coming every Saturday morning to a little room called "Sunny Corner." Here we played, two sitting on a chair, the very lively game of Grocery Store, and that same morning, with the help of the teacher, as we called the leader of a club, we had Kitchon Garden, and then in the middle of the week Sewing Class. All this time the Settlement kept on growing in numbers. To be sure, at first the neighbors eyed the innocent corner with suspicion, and some

of the more unruly children hooted outside of the window, but when they began to growl. Nevertheless, "Sunny Corner" grew into a three-story tenement house with the more dignified title of "Hartford Social Settlement," which had clubs every day instead of three times a week. The women began then to be more friendly, to drop in to borrow shears, a pattern for the white window curtains, or baby's apron. Then, too, entertainments given by the children, little suppers by the headworker, musicales and occasional lectures, brought early in the morning of the

day to the people for the baby or mother, and least often it is to help pay the rent. At any rate, whatever the motive may be, it starts in the children a saving sentence, and this alone is a great advantage. The Bank used to be open at all hours, and the most frequented hour was meal time. There is a story that one could catch one Sunday morning at 6.30 with a penny clutched in her hot little fist.

But that which most helped the people in all ways was a knowledge of how "Yankee" as we called an up-town person, lived. And this we had a chance

with a tooth-brush, and she makes it a point to be rather selfish with it herself, as a "Yankee" is.

But what further impressed the children as to how the "Yankees" lived, was to spend a week in the "real country" at Buckland, in a summer Settlement called "Happy Cottage," and two years later at "Heart's-ease" in Saybrook. Here many people had a grand time, and the remembrance and influence of that vacation is still fresh in the minds of all. This has left them with a strong desire to have their homes like the Settlement, and many have



CHARTER OAK CLUB ROOM.

neighboring families into the attractive place. They began to make it a part of their lives, and to be glad that they had a Settlement that they could call their own.

As the number of the people increased, and the quarters became crowded, the Settlement moved a little farther down the street, where an addition was built to the house, and where it stands to-day. With the growth of the Settlement the whole street increased in cleanliness, happiness, good cheer.

Amongst other things, many things which benefit the community were a part of the Public Library, which was opened there several years ago. It was a member of the community, from the child, who comes for a bright-covered fairy story, to his father, who comes for a geography of the world, in lay type. Another thing which pointed in the same direction was the Penny Provident Bank, which was opened about the same time. The amount of deposits goes from three cents to something like seventy-five dollars. This was all saved up in small quantities. The children put their money in the bank for various purposes. Often it is for clothing for themselves, less often

to see in the headworker and the resident workers. A question asked the headworker by one of the mothers, as to how she succeeded in making her beds look like hospital beds, suggested to her the organization of a young band of housekeepers, and a little later a cooking class, which has vastly improved the methods of the domestic life of the street.

"To spend a week in the country," as we called coming to the Settlement to stay, gave the children the best idea of a "Yankee" home. The first visitor was a little girl who had broken her leg. She had such a pleasant time, that she is always looking out for another chance "to go to the country," even if accompanied by a broken leg. The headworker now calls this little girl "assistant headworker," and she is "teacher" of several clubs. Another little girl who had the grippe, was invited that same year to spend a while "in the country." When the headworker asked her about brushing her teeth, she said, Oh yes, she did sometimes, when she could get her mother's toothbrush, but her sister was so selfish that she would let none of the rest of the family use it. The headworker presented the little girl

succeeded in a modest way.

All this time the Settlement was becoming a part of the street, and so the winter following this summer the work was begun with even more zeal, and both "teacher" and member realized that they understood each other far better. New kinds of clubs were formed and more members joined. Among the new clubs was one called "The Young Citizens," numbering about eight boys, who were the plague of the street and whom the other boys on the street feared. They teased the younger children and even plagued the old men, but they were never justly punished, because no one could ever catch them. In the Settlement, however, they presented an entirely different appearance, with their shining faces and neatly brushed hair, and now these boys are some of the very best on the street, and the headworker hopes that now as they are good "young citizens," so later will they be better real citizens. Another very interesting club is "Tiny Tots." There are in it about twenty-five little children between four and five who meet every Saturday morning at ten. They are ready, however, long before that, especially the twins, Minnie and Mollie, who

are there about eight, and there they wait in the yard, rain or shine, till it is time for them to go in.

To show how the Settlement has really grown from three clubs a week to about eight a night, let me take you through an evening. In the dining-room an Embroidery Class is at work, and you can see the Renaissance lace in all its stages. In the parlor the "Fire-sides," a club of young women, have just had a short talk about Scotland, and are singing, "Of all the flowers in Scotland I love the dear blue-bell." Down stairs, the "Charter Oaks," some of the older men, are playing cribbage, smoking or reading the papers. Upstairs, some of the members of the "Women's Club" have dropped in, and they look very cosy as they sit and chat. In the "Mermaid Room," you hear, but do not see, someone doing the "mermaid act," as you can tell by the splashing. Another flight of stairs brings you to the Gymnasium, where "The Merry Twenty" are having a grand masquerade. "The North Stars," a club of the older young boys, have just come down from there and are doing the "Neptune act" in the basement. As you take your departure from this cosy household, you, too, will say that you are glad that you have a Settlement that you can call your own."



GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

During Holy Week special services were held at the church, as follows: Sunday, March 27, "The Coming King," Rev. S. E. MacGeehon; Monday, "The Barren Fig-tree," Mr. Charles Tracy of the Seminary; Tuesday, "Service," Mr. Irving H. Berg of the Seminary; Wednesday, "Jesus, the Light of the World," Mr. Frank Thompson of the Seminary. Friday, Mr. H. J. Gillette of the City Mission addressed the congregation. All these services were well attended.

Of special interest was the service of Thursday evening, March 31, when the pastor received five members into the church. Following the reception of members the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Prof. A. R. Merriam of the Seminary.

Easter Sunday was observed with appropriate Easter music and sermon in the morning and a children's concert in the afternoon.

Thursday, April 7, a special meeting of the church was held, for the election of a treasurer to succeed Mr. George H. Wilder, resigned, who is shortly to leave town. Mr. A. A. Lewis was the popular choice.

Sunday, April 10, an Easter song service was held at 5 p. m. The choir, augmented, rendered several Easter anthems, including Stainer's "Awake, Thou That Sleepest," and the pastor spoke briefly, but pointedly, on "The Blessedness of the Believer," his words being suggested by St. John xx, 29.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Ashley D. Leavitt, our assistant pastor, closed his engagement with us the first of April, which is very much regretted by all, as we have become much attached to him. We wish for him happiness and success wherever he may go.

Sunday, March 27, Mr. N. H. Spencer, who has sung for us thirty-four years, retired from the choir. Dr. Parker most cordially thanked him, in behalf of the people and himself, for his long and faithful service.

Easter Sunday, the contribution of about \$325 was for the Hartford hospital.

Next Wednesday noon the ladies will give a lunch in the chapel for the benefit of the Sewing Society, which is in need of funds. We hope it will be well attended.

BLUE HILLS CHAPEL.

The evening service on Easter Sunday was well attended and enjoyed. The principal part of the service was given up to the children of the Sunday School, and their Easter carols and recitations showed not only skillful training by the teachers, but that the children had entered into the spirit of the day with their usual enthusiasm and interest.

There seems to be a growing interest in the work in all directions and we are looking for good results for the spring and summer work under the direction of Mr. Davies, our pastor.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual reception to the church was given by the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the evening of Friday, March 11.

An entertainment, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," was given by the Mission Circle on the evening of Friday, March 18, in the chapel.

The special meeting of the teachers of the Sunday-school was held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, on the evening of Friday, March 25. Rev. Ashley D. Leavitt spoke most helpfully on the theme, "The Personal Motives in Christ's Work."

Services were held in the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Passion Week at 4.30 in the afternoon, and on Thursday, at 7.45. The minister gave a series of four sermon studies on themes suggested by the incidents of the last days of Jesus' life. "Christ and the Temple," "Christ and the State," "Christ and the Home," and "Christ and the Church."

At the communion service on Sunday, April 10, individual cups were used in accordance with a vote of the church taken at its annual meeting. At this service 16 were received into the church upon confession of faith and 10 by letter.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Miss May Lord closed three weeks of very successful work Thursday evening, March 31. Her meetings were all well attended. Many Christians were quickened and a goodly number of people, some of them heads of families, began the Christian life.

The Good Friday "Service at the

Cross" has become a feature of Holy Week observance at this church. This year, as for four preceding years, the service was from 12 noon till 3 p. m., seven clergymen having part in the service, each giving a meditation on one of the Seven Words of the Cross. The day was stormy, yet the attendance was excellent, the majority remaining the full three hours.

Miss Laura C. Meyers, who has been one of the assistants for fifteen months, and greatly beloved by all the congregation, has left us to take the headship of the Church House of the West End Presbyterian church, New York city.

The choir, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Henry Dike Sleeper, is augmented to eighty voices, the capacity of the choir platform, and is rehearsing on Monday evenings Haydn's "Creation," which will be given in May, upon the same plan as the "Messiah" was given in December, viz., the admission will be by ticket, but these will be given out free, and the reliance will be upon a silver offering to defray expenses. A limited number of tickets will be placed at Gallup's Music Store.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

On Wednesday evening, March 30, the annual social of the Ladies' Aid Society was held in the chapel. A delightful program was rendered and reports of the different societies of the church were given, after which refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Easter Sunday morning the choir rendered a short cantata, "The Resurrection," by Manney, and there was baptism and reception of members and probationers. Thursday evening, March 31, Holy Communion was observed.

The Epworth League is to give an entertainment in the chapel April 13, consisting of "Shadow Pantomimes" and a musical and literary program. Proceeds to go to the church improvement fund.

The Rev. James A. Macmillan is attending the annual session of the New York East Conference in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The monthly supper of the Sunday-school teachers was held at the home of the superintendent, Mr. H. E. Parkhurst, Tuesday evening, April 5. About twenty-four were present. The topic of the evening was: "A Teacher With a Schedule."

Mrs. Nancy Campbell, one of the older members of the church, died at the Old People's Home, Friday evening, April 8, aged 84 years. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, April 11, at the chapel of the Old People's Home.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

A cottage prayer meeting was held on a recent Tuesday evening at the home of George W. Daley, No. 259 Windsor avenue.

The special services held at the chapel during the week commencing March 13 were very helpful. They were conducted by Rev. Mr. Pattison, with the help of Rev. Mr. Connell.

A very pleasant Junior Social was held on April 5, at which a large number were present the parents and friends attending as well as the Juniors.

The Dorcas Society held a sale of aprons, ice-cream and cake and home-made candy on the afternoon and evening of March 30.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The most attractive feature on Easter Sunday in our services was the part taken by the primary department in the processional Sunday-school services. The children marched through the church in white, carrying potted plants and singing. They also recited in unison.

We have made one change in the choir for the year. Mr. Prior will sing tenor.

We had an entertainment, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," in shadow pictures, which was very successful, as it was attended by a very large number of children. There is to be another entertainment given on Friday, April 15, in which fairy stories will be told and presented in a most attractive way.

There have been several church meetings lately to discuss the added work which the opening of the parish house has brought up, but as yet no report has been presented.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At our young people's meeting, March 27, papers were read by Mr. Follett, Mr. Forbes and Mr. W. L. Crosby, all devoted to missionary themes.

A service in commemoration of Christ's last meeting with His disciples was held in the church parlors the Thursday before Good Friday.

On Good Friday morning the choir rendered the cantata, "The Man of Nazareth."

The officers, teachers and substitute teachers met recently at Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stoughton's, No. 206 Beacon street. Prof. Alvord gave a preview of the Sunday-school lessons.

Mrs. Della Woodford Bartlett was dismissed March 24 to the Church of the Redeemer.

Our Easter service morning theme was "Our Hope Realized," and the music was appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. N. B. Bassett led the Endeavor consecration service Easter evening.

The choir rendered the Easter cantata, "From Death to Life," in the evening.

The offering Easter morning was for the Hartford Hospital.

UNITY CHURCH.

On March 20, Rev. Mr. Waite preached by request on the "Religion of the Japanese," and on March 27 he gave a very interesting discourse on the "Smoot Case and Religious Toleration."

The March social was held on the evening of the 24th. The entertainment consisted of music by the choir, which repeated the song-cycle, "Wind Flowers," and a short drama, "A Pair of Lunatics," by Mr. and Mrs. Whitman, which was entertaining and excellently well presented by them.

On the evening of March 29 the annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held in the parlors of the church. Officers were elected as follows: Superintendent, Mr. Ira Mather; secretary and librarian, Ralph Waite; treasurer, Mr. Young. The meeting was preceded by a supper and Sunday-school social.

On Easter, Rev. Mr. Waite preached on the "Story of the Resurrection of Jesus, Critically Examined, and Its

Bearing on the Doctrine of Immortality."

The annual meeting was held Monday evening, April 4. It was preceded by a dinner given by Rev. Mr. Waite to the active members of the society, of whom ninety-nine were present. A five-course dinner was furnished by Besse, the caterer. The company was seated at 6:30, and Mr. Waite welcomed them, briefly but felicitously, as his guests. The business meeting was called at 8 p. m., President C. D. Francis presiding. Reports were read and officers elected, as follows: Pres., C. D. Francis; vice-pres., Ira A. Mather; clerk, Frank M. Mather; treas., Alfred L. Searle; auditors, W. F. Young, W. T. Halliday. Society's Committee, W. H. Honiss, Charles H. Field, E. M. Cutting. Mr. William Francis resigned as chairman of the Society's Committee.

On the evening of April 7, Miss Rearden gave a party at her residence for the members of her Sunday-school class and a few others. Progressive whist and music furnished the entertainment.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our C. E. Society elected the following officers: Carl Allen, pres.; Frank E. Newton, vice-pres.; Herbert W. Newton, sec.; Flora Edwards, treas.

Our annual roll-call of the church took place on April 6.

A concert was given by the Sunday-school on Easter Sunday.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Sunday evening, March 20, the pastor began a series of sermons on the general subject, "The Family that Lives in the Basement."

Wednesday evening, March 23, the U. T. A. Club of this church gave an entertainment in the chapel to raise money for Easter decorations. Between \$20 and \$25 was realized.

Sunday, March 27, an interesting missionary meeting was held by the Y. P. S. C. E., subject, "The Grace of Giving." All were invited to join the "Tenth Legion."

A quintette of boys assisted the choir at the evening service.

The temperance committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. forwarded a letter to every pastor in the city, asking each to urge a vote for "No License."

Sunday evening, April 3, was devoted to an Easter exercise, given by the Bible-school, entitled, "The Birthday of Hope." A large audience was present.

Sunday evening, April 10, the pastor preached a strong sermon on "Principle."

Thursday, April 14, the Connecticut branch of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society meets in our church, morning and afternoon.

Wednesday evening, April 20, a musical and literary entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Junior C. E. Society. The proceeds will go to the Italian work of the Hartford Baptist Union.

NORTH METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, is away at Conference in Brooklyn. During his absence his wife preached two very interesting sermons to large congregations. The Rev. Mr. Gray of Wilson

Ind., and Mr. Noel H. Jacks of the Y. M. C. A. will fill the pulpit next Sunday.

The Old Folks' Concert was a great success.

Mr. Howard A. Camp has been in Brooklyn attending Conference.

Rev. D. G. Downey, a former pastor, was elected a delegate from Brooklyn to attend the Conference at Los Angeles, Cal.

The Easter Sunday-school concert was attended by a large audience.

The banquet of the Methodist Social Union was held at the South Park church.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The month of March at the Mission has shown an increase in attendance, the Sunday-school being especially well attended.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper March 29.

A teachers' tea will be given by the King's Daughters April 12, for the teachers and officers of the Sunday-school.

Easter was observed by the Sunday-school at its regular hour.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

At the meeting of the Union, which was held on March 22, the devotional service was led by Mrs. T. S. Weaver, after which was given an address by Mr. H. H. Spooner, secretary of the Connecticut Temperance Union. The subject was "Points of Contact," which was treated in a very interesting manner, and was listened to with close attention by the good number present.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society a May Breakfast and Market Day in Hollywood Street will be given Wednesday, May 4.

Prof. Beardslee of the Seminary is to give a course of instruction on the Sunday-school lessons to the teachers. The first lesson will be given Thursday evening at 6:45, after the teachers' tea.

Easter Sunday was observed in the usual manner, with special music and decorations. The vesper service was given over to the Sunday-school. Children from the primary department were presented with pansy plants, the gift of the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters.

The parish house is well under way now and it is hoped that we may go into it soon.

Thursday evening, Rev. Mr. Miel of Trinity church will speak of the work of St. George's parish house, New York.

The Choral Club will give a concert April 20. "Miriam's Song of Triumph" will be rendered.

Last Sunday, Consecration Day was observed in the Sunday-school. The pastor led the service. Many testimonies were given and a number expressed the desire to lead a Christian life.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Rev. R. W. Keeler preached his farewell sermon Easter Sunday. Next autumn he will continue his studies at Drew Seminary and will preach in Brooklyn, N. Y. A farewell reception

was tendered Mr. Keeler Saturday evening, April 2. Many of the church members and some friends participated.

No preaching service was held at the church April 10, and probably not until April 17 shall we know who our pastor for the coming church year will be.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The subject of our pastor's talk Sunday evening, April 10, was "Some Recent Messages Concerning Immortality."

Sunday evening, April 17, we are to have an address by Mr. DeCarlo, pastor of the Italian church in Hartford.

Mr. Robert Barber, one of our Christian Endeavorers, and Mr. Newton Cobb, another Windsor young man, are at work for an American company which is building a railroad in China, Mr. Barber as paymaster and Mr. Cobb as surveyor.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The church was full on Easter Day, and there were two celebrations of the Holy Communion. The Sunday-school outdid itself singing carols.

The Penny-a-Day Society gave a reception Friday in the parish house.

The Men's Club has built and decorated a roomy stage and is to give a musical treat on four successive nights, April 18 to 22.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The audience room of our church, which has been closed for repairs, was opened April 3, for Easter service. New carpets, curtain for choir platform and upholstering, with paint and decorating, make it very inviting. Much credit is due to the women. Rev. Mr. Peckham, an evangelist, commenced work here April 10, preaching every evening except Saturday. Cottage prayer meetings have been held five nights each for two weeks past. We expect the Lord is going to bless this people.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Easter Day opened with the early carol service at 6:30 in the morning. The church was filled with worshipers and beautiful with the Easter flowers, potted plants and palms. The set pieces of flowers in different parts of the church were of the choicest kinds. The rector conducted the service and gave an address in keeping with the day. The music was of a high order and well rendered.

At 11:45 the full morning service was held, with a large attendance, and a large number remained for Holy Communion. The offertory was for parish expenses.

At 4 o'clock the Children's Festival was held. The children sang carols, including one carol by the primary class. The rector made an appropriate address. Cards for attendance and good lessons were awarded. The children also received a potted geranium each. The attendance was large at this service and closed the services for the day.

The reception to the rector, Rev. George T. Linsley, and Mrs. Linsley, will be held at the Memorial house on Thursday, April 14. These receptions have been very successful in the past and have brought the rector and the

people of the parish together socially. There will be singing and light refreshments served during the evening.

The April meeting of the Men's League will be held the 21st. Prof. H. A. Perkins of Trinity College will give a lecture on "Iceland." It will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

The young ladies of the parish are preparing to give a play Thursday evening, April 26. They will present "Rebecca's Triumph" at the Colt Memorial hall. The proceeds will be used for furnishings for the parish house, such as china, linen, etc.

FIRST METHODIST.

Special services were held March 31 and April 1 in the church.

Easter Sunday was observed by special music by the choir and a concert given by the Sunday-school in the evening.

Dr. McCormick left last week for Brooklyn, N. Y., to attend the New York East Conference.

On Sunday, April 10, Dr. C. B. Pitblado occupied the pulpit morning and evening.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The people of this church were pleasantly surprised on Easter morning, when Rev. Henry Macbeth announced that the church had been presented with two very useful and beautiful gifts. One of them, a set of beautiful altar linen, was presented by a few of the ladies of the church; the other was a handsome Litany book, presented as a memorial to one of the former members of the vestry.

Wednesday, April 6, the annual Easter sale and supper was held. Much interest was shown by a number of the people, and the day proved to be a social and financial success.

The meetings of the Y. P. C. will be held each week, beginning April 12. The members of the club expect to make a good start and do some good work this spring, and each member is urged to be present at each meeting and do his best.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. A. C. Garner of Washington, D. C., representing the American Missionary Association, delivered an address at the Sunday morning service, March 20, on "The Negro Problem of To-day and Its Christian Solution."

An impressive communion service was held in the Auditorium on Thursday evening, March 31. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. Curtis M. Geer.

A Good Friday and Fast Day service was held and was well attended. The sermon was delivered by the pastor upon the theme, "Prayer and Fasting, the Power Needful for the Complete Conquest of the World." Rev. Mr. Middlemass, pastor of the Baptist church, was present and led in prayer and read the Scripture lesson.

The Ladies' Sewing Society met in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon, March 30, and packed a barrel of clothing valued at \$51.21 for the Rev. A. H. Robbins and family of Meekling, S. D. The net proceeds of the cake and candy sale given by the Junior Auxiliary Society, March 19, was \$28.50.

The Men's Union held a meeting on

Friday evening, March 25.

The Young People's Society held a social in the church parlors on Friday evening, April 8, under charge of the social committee.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Holy Week services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Thursday evening communion, were largely attended.

On Easter morn, at 9:30, the Sunday-school held its service in the church. A choir, chosen from the Sunday-school, sang, and Mr. Ranney preached to the children. The collection was \$11 and was especially to procure, through Miss Jones of the Settlement, nourishing food and a little brightness for Joe Barbello, a consumptive, who has not long to live. The service was so much appreciated that it is suggested that it be made a regular yearly event. Each girl received a pink or white rose and each boy a pink, while the children in the infant class had a pink geranium plant. The Easter committee, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Russell and Miss Welch, deserve much appreciation for their thoughtfulness and faithfulness.

A cradle-roll is being made up, and we wish to know about all babies in our church and out of it who are not connected with any other church.

The tables for each class to gather around while studying the lesson are a great addition to our school.

The young people of the church have organized a society for debates and social gatherings, which seems to be very popular.

On Easter morning there was a large attendance at the church service. We wish that the strangers would come every Sunday in as large numbers.

Mr. Camp's cantata, rendered in the afternoon, was most satisfactory. It is heavy and solemn in the beginning, but becomes tuneful and joyful in the end. The contralto solos and the soprano and tenor duet were especially pleasing.

The Mission Circle has unanimously voted to join the young ladies' auxiliary of the Hartford Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions. The last meeting will be held on Friday, April 15, at 2:15 p. m.

Rev. Professor Frank C. Porter of the Yale Divinity School, preached in our church on April 10.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

March 27, the choir gave an evening praise service, hymns from Bernard of Clairveux being sung by the choir and also congregation.

The Sunday-school has collected \$25 for the Connecticut Sunday-school Association, and is now collecting for its own expenses. The library needs to be replenished with new books.

Many who have been ill during the winter have returned to the school.

The choir rendered two fine anthems on Easter morning.

"The King Triumphant," an Easter service by Grant Tullar, was given Easter in the evening. The church was beautifully decorated with lilies, palms, azaleas and pinks.

April 10, in the evening, Mr. D. Minot Rogers of the Seminary gave an interesting address on "Korea."

Miss Mary Camp has been making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Will. Seymour, in Chicago.

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EASTER OBSERVANCE.

The observance of Holy Week and Easter seems, if anything, to be more general among local churches in recent years. Certainly it cannot be said that indifference to the season is growing.

And rightly should Easter be made the leading holy day of the year, for if Christ rose not from the dead, then is our hope vain. Is not the great hope of every soul that of Immortality? The thought of an eternal death one recoils from almost as forcibly as from the fiery hell of the Calvinists.

So the resurrection of Christ and the promised resurrection of His followers is the great hope and the great source of rejoicing to His Church.

Locally, this year, Passion Week was observed by many denominations. On Thursday evening a number of churches observed the Holy Communion. On

Friday a number of impressive union services were held and on Easter Sunday the churches were crowded as at no other Sunday in the year.

Among the Sunday-schools the observance was general and many a pretty custom has grown up in connection with the Easter observance by children.

The music of the day was of the highest order, and certainly Hartford, with its many fine voices and its excellent organs, was well equipped to make this feature of the day a delight and an inspiration.

And the baptisms and confirmations, holy and impressive rites, added to the deeply religious sense of the occasion.

And so the day proved, to paraphrase the words of the old hymn: Day of all the year the best; emblem of eternal life.

MISSION STATISTICS.

The statistics published by the American Board are characterized by special fulness in relation to American and English societies. The gifts of Anglo-Saxons to foreign missions increased last year \$2,000,000 over those of the year previous. Upwards of 5,771 stations are occupied by missionaries from America and England, with 22,364 out-stations. The number of missionaries is 16,618, and of native assistants 75,281. There are 1,397,047 communicants enrolled in their mission churches, nearly as many pupils in the mission schools, and over 3,000,000 adherents in the mission churches. The American missions comprise about one-fourth the places enumerated and enroll about the same proportion of workers. The American missions are more widely diffused than the English, the latter seeking as a rule to "follow the flag" of their own country. The Hawaiian Islands now disappear from the missions of the American Board, having become self-supporting, and the Philippines are added to the roll.

GENERAL MILES ON WAR.

We are glad to find in the address of General Miles to the Grand Army of the Republic, at Topeka, Kansas, that he stands side by side with Abraham Lincoln, Grant, Sherman and various Southern generals in denouncing war.

We take from his address the following:

"The contrast between war and peace is illustrated by the fact that what treasure has been expended on the Philippine islands would have put water on every quarter-section of arable land in our country where it is required. It would have built for the farmers of this country a splendid system of good roads, or for commerce two ship canals across the isthmus. And yet, with it all, that is no country for an American

man, woman or family. Within the territory of the Philippine islands, an area not as large as your neighboring territory of New Mexico, there are crowded over 8,000,000 Malays, as many people as there are now living in the entire western half of the United States. There is an abundance of room here in this glorious western country.

"Oh, toilers of the world, true glory lies Not in great empires built o'er dead men's bones,

But in those deeds of charity and love Which light our earth as heaven is lit by stars."

EGG ROLLING IN WASHINGTON.

Our correspondent in Washington sends us the following interesting, though not altogether appreciative, account of the peculiar Easter custom of egg rolling, as observed in Washington:

"Egg-rolling day, a holiday peculiar to the District of Columbia, is over. You don't know what it is? It is the child's carnival of Easter Monday. Thousands of the children of the city assemble early in the morning on the White House lawn, the most immaculate spot we have, with baskets full of soft-boiled eggs, painted in grotesque colors, to celebrate the sacred day. The infant who cannot get a basket of eggs for this great occasion weeps and is unhappy indeed. The game consists in rolling eggs against each other when the egg that breaks becomes the property of the owner of the unfractured. It is an idiotic sort of game, but it doesn't take much of a game to make children happy if it is accompanied with plenty of noise and dirt. The egg-rolling is a tumult and a Saturnalia. Children of every color roll eggs of every color. Eggs and noses are broken. Clothes are torn in the great small mob, and unaccustomed wails are wafted into the President's windows. On Tuesday there was a dirty clean-up. A brigade of workmen armed with rakes, brooms, hoes, hose, and abundant water, attempted to clean the lawn of its debris of paper, lunch boxes, smashed baskets, pie, bread and butter, bones, rags, and broken eggs. They made some progress, but the lawn as viewed from the south windows of the White House is still a speckled perial and a fearsome sight. It is fervently hoped that this preposterous method of seeking amusement will not spread to other cities."

U. S. SENATOR CONVICTED.

A Senator of the United States, for the first time in its history, has been convicted by a jury on criminal charges, while actually holding office.

It is a burning disgrace to Senator Burton and more than a misfortune to the State of Kansas, that this man should so have betrayed the people whose interests he was sworn to safeguard, by taking money from a notorious and fraudulent concern engaged in swindling the public.

The charge, in brief, was that Senator Burton accepted large fees to protect a St. Louis stock speculating concern, which had been declared fraudu-

lent by the Post Office Department. Senator Burton's "pull" was effective, and the Department ruling was not enforced. The public was fleeced; the Senator pocketed his share of the fleecing and now he is getting his share of punishment, and well he deserves it. But there is a widespread feeling that there are others, equally deserving.

Miss Clara Barton's Red Cross Society in Washington is in a heap of trouble. The seceding directors granted Miss Barton another week in which to make reply to the charges of mismanagement, whereupon her lawyer immediately made a peace proposition, offering Miss Barton's resignation as president, if they would withdraw the charges and discontinue the investigation. Meantime, she gave an entertainment in Boston and collected money for the "Russo-Japanese war," when both Russia and Japan had declined to accept her offered services. It seems a pity to see Miss Barton end a glorious career in an inglorious way.

The words of Dr. Hillis to his congregation may well be pondered over by members of churches who would delegate all of the church work and the exemplification of Christian living to the pastor. He said: "I hold that I, as pastor of Plymouth Church, have as good a right to violate all the commandments of the decalogue as any man in my congregation. I have no more obligation to preach the Gospel than he has. I claim that the pew is as responsible as the pulpit."

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The Ladies' Social Organization held its last meeting for the season April 5. The supper given by them March 25 was well patronized, and the proceeds are to go towards new carpets for the church parlors.

A very interesting missionary meeting was given by the Endeavor Society March 27. The young ladies who gave such interesting accounts of our Southern schools before the Woman's Mission Circle kindly repeated them for the Endeavor Society.

Numbers have bought tickets for the banquet of the Hartford Social Union, to be held April 13, and the usual pleasure of the event is anticipated.

All were glad to see Deacon Denison in his usual place Sunday, April 10, and hope his present feebleness will give place to strength soon.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

Holy Week was observed at our church by the following services: On Tuesday evening, March 29, Dr. Charles W. McCormick preached. On Wednesday evening a union service was held at the Congregational parish house. Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow preached at

this service. On Thursday evening a union communion service was held at the parish house. These services concluded with a union Fast Day service, which was held in the Episcopal church Friday morning. At this service Revs. Harriman, Nelson and Sheldon made brief remarks.

A musical service was given by the choir on Sunday evening, April 3. At this service Miss Rose Cochran read, and Prof. Gill, of State College, Penn., gave a very fine talk.

The funeral of Mrs. Minnie Beckwith was held from our church on Monday, April 4.

The sale of fancy articles, home-made candy and ice cream, given by the young ladies of the church, was a decided success. The sum of \$33.55 was cleared.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The special Holy Week services were successfully carried out. Our pastor was ably assisted by Prof. W. S. Pratt, who spoke on, "We Would See Jesus," and Rev. C. H. Barber of Manchester, who officiated at the communion service Thursday evening.

Our pastor has recently exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Breckenridge of Hartford and Rev. Mr. Blakely of South Glastonbury.

Another of our old members has gone, Miss Eliza Wallace, at the age of 82. She was a faithful, quiet member, and was at church the Sunday before she died.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Easter Sunday was observed in our church, Rev. C. Telford Erickson, our new pastor, beginning his duties at this time. The church was decorated by the ladies. Through the kindness of Mr. Alex. Angus we had a handsome display of flowers, that added much to the occasion. Mr. Erickson preached in the morning, but was unable to be with us in the evening.

In the evening we had a Sunday-school concert. Our superintendent, Mr. Riga, was assisted by Rev. Samuel B. Forbes. We had an automatic programme that made everything go off very smoothly. The children, speaking and singing, gave a delightful concert, and showed there had been lots of hard work in the preparation.

Our Sunday-school has two handsome silk banners. These are presented, one for the largest average attendance, the other largest average collection. The Clover Leaf Messenger Corps holds the collection banner at present and Miss Mann's class the attendance banner. The banners were made by Miss Sophie Hollister and an assistant on the committee. The secretary furnished an attendance thermometer for the school. This shows the attendance each Sunday.

Mr. Erickson has but just begun his pastorate with us, but he has already made us feel that he is going to be one of us and that we will like him better on closer acquaintance. He comes from Berlin, and will reside at 20 Brown street.

Mrs. R. H. Noble is visiting in Stepney for a few weeks.

An Old Folks' Concert is to be given for the benefit of the church April 15.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. H. M. Pogson of New York preached for us last Sunday morning, the pastor being out of town on a short

The choir, as composed for the present year, is as follows: Mrs. L. P. Brown, soprano; Miss Agatha Brahe-ney, alto; Mr. C. S. Shumway, bass; Mr. H. L. Bolles, organist. As no tenor has been chosen as yet, Mr. Herbert P. Stedman will fill that position during April.

The new organ was used for the first time on Easter Sunday and much has been said in praise of it.

The H. I. E. Circle of King's Daughters held their annual supper recently in the parlors of the church. An enjoyable evening was passed. Some original cook books offered for sale by the circle are proving popular.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Hartford Baptist Union was held on Wednesday evening, April 13, in the Horse Guard Armory.

The officers of the Young People's Association elected for the coming year are as follows: Pres., Edward Hutchinson; vice-pres., Harry E. Olcott; second vice-pres., Nellie E. Sears; secy., E. Lewis Upton; asst. secy., Fannie I. Yale; treas., Harry Bruce; auditors, Edward B. Bliss and Dwight Chapman.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the church was held on April 1. The roll-call of members and the reports from all departments of the church work were heard on the next Thursday evening. The general condition of affairs from the reports was encouraging.

The Easter concert of the Sunday school was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

Rev. F. H. Divine will assist our pastor in a week of special meetings, beginning April 17.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The state convention of Loyal Workers and Sunday-schools, which met Good Friday, was most interesting and enjoyable. A company of perhaps 150 visitors, from the twenty churches in the state, was a cheering sight, and at the close of the evening session an altar service was held, which gave us the immediate fruit of the convention, one young lady being converted.

The floral committee tastefully decorated the church with palms and carnations for Easter. The quarterly roll-call and consecration meeting was held at 6:30.

The church at East Norwalk, being greatly in need of funds at present, will be the recipient of \$50 from us, our Easter offering.

Rev. Thomas Feltman, whose field of labor is among the Catskills, is expected here for a few days' change and rest, and will occupy the pulpit April 17.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Craig were received into our church by letter at our March communion. Mr. Craig has recently been appointed as chaplain at the prison.

Our pastor is giving a series of talks on the Parables at our church prayer meetings.

The play, "Breezy Point," given by the Ladies' Aid Society in January, was repeated on March 15 to a large audience.

Miss Georgetown Welles, one of our popular young ladies, was married on March 19 to Mr. Norman Spencer. They are to reside on Washington street, where they hope to see their many friends.

March 20, our pastor preached a very interesting discourse on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ned Dow.

March 23, Rev. Mr. Dinsmore gave his lecture on "Dante" before the Woman's Saturday Afternoon Club.

March 24, Rev. Mr. Garner, pastor of a colored church in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Campbell of the A. M. A., addressed our people in the afternoon and evening on the work among the colored people and mountain whites.

April 1, Mrs. M. Gertrude Young resigned as soprano of our church, after serving in that capacity for eight continuous years. Her singing has been very much enjoyed by everyone and it is with much regret that we part with her valued services. Mrs. B. D. Bailey succeeded Mrs. Young on Easter Sunday.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The Lenten cantata, "The Little Home in Bethany," given by the choir on March 29, was a fitting service to prepare us for Easter Sunday.

The decorations for Easter were of lilies, potted plants, palms and cut flowers. These were distributed at the close of the service to those of the Sunday-school who had made good class records for three months or longer, besides the flowers which were sent to the sick and shut-ins.

Our Easter music was especially attractive, and twelve scholars were presented with Bibles and certificates of promotion from the primary to the intermediate department.

The Sunday evening audiences are growing and the average attendance for March was forty-one. On alternate Sunday evenings we are helped by friends from the Seminary.

Our industrial classes, which have taken the same time for vacation as the public schools, will resume work this week.

The mothers who attend the mothers' meetings entertained the teachers on April 7. A bountiful dinner was served and all present voted the meeting a great success.

During the past month our teachers have been addressed in their weekly meetings by Dr. John Coleman Adams, on "Heredity and Environment," and by Prof. Melancthon W. Jacobus on "The Synoptic Gospels."

Our scholars have planned an evening of "Mirth, Music and Magic," to be given on Friday evening, April 15, for the benefit of the Improvement Fund.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Morgan street chapel was vacated on March 11, church exercises having been held there the day previous. The society is now settled in its new home on Village street, though the formal opening has not yet been held. No new lines of work will be attempted to any extent this spring, but in the fall new classes and clubs will doubtless be

formed, as the society has now additional facilities for such work.

A good many new scholars have come into the Sunday-school, as well as into other meetings, since the new building was opened.

On Easter Sunday all departments of the Sunday-school met together and the children took part by special songs and recitations appropriate to the day. Rev. Elliott P. Talmadge gave an interesting and helpful talk. Each child received a potted plant at the close. In the evening Rev. R. H. Potter of the Center church addressed the meeting and Miss Gray gave two violin solos. There was also a soprano solo by Miss Alice Williams.

On Friday, April 8, a number of ladies from Glenwood church visited the mothers' meeting and left a gift of cups and saucers, to be used at these weekly meetings. There was a good attendance, and after the devotional service, which included violin and vocal solos, some time was spent in a social way.

The Loyalty Club enjoyed a Japanese evening, April 8, when an address was given by Mr. Hiroyama of the Seminary.

THE SHELTER.

An unusually large number of women have come to us during the past winter, and several times we had as many as could be accommodated. A kindly and helpful spirit has been shown by members of our large family, and we have been encouraged from time to time by the evidences of real benefit derived by those who come to us. Many are now occupying good positions and doing well, and we have received from them some token of good-will. Of late we have received as gifts from those who have been in the home, a parlor lamp, curtains, gingham for aprons and at Easter a beautiful plant.

Through the kindness of two loyal friends and supporters of our work, a delightful evening was recently spent in listening to a description of a journey through Northern Europe, illustrated by photographs. The program included musical selections, and refreshments were served.

Gifts for our clothing bureau are always gladly received. We have continual need for clothing and household articles of all kinds, which are sold at low prices and much appreciated by many needy families.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The opening of the year has marked a healthy growth in every department of our work and given sure promise of a most successful year. The glad Easter season brought its special and peculiar joys. The evening service on Easter night was crowded, and the beautiful cross of flowers presented from the children of Trinity Church gave pleasure to young and old.

The spring weather has its effect on our beautiful grounds, and the song of the birds, the budding of the trees and the grassy lawns tell the glad tidings that the winter is past and the resurrection season of nature has come. The playgrounds will soon be in use by the younger portion of our friends, the tired mothers and the flower gardens the delight of

In all branches of our work our Superintendent seeks the best good of all, and knows how much the healthful

recreation and amusement of the children and mothers is needed.

The Mothers' Club gave a German lunch this week, which was a most enjoyable affair, and the Girls' Club also again enjoyed a visit from Miss S. H. Hamilton, whose artistic touch on the piano and rendering of classic and more simple music, gives such enjoyment to all who have the pleasure of being among her listeners. The number of applicants for advice or assistance at this season of the year is very large, and each case is examined by Supt. Miller and advice and relief given. Many have thus been saved from sorrow and rescued from sin and perhaps from crime. The number of those who have during the past winter and thus far in the season been counselled with or assisted, and the good done, cannot be estimated and the future must show its great and good results.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

The Vermont Marble Company have been compelled to erect a new building in Boston and Mr. P. J. Breen of the Hartford Monumental Works bought their entire stock at a great reduction. He is now especially well equipped to fill orders promptly and can have monuments in position by Decoration Day, if ordered at once. See the ad. on page 19.

Daly—Ye were sunstruck, ye say? Why, man alive, the sun could never disfigure a man's face like that.

Riley—Ye don't know me son, Daly.—*Life*.

Mr. W. E. Wallace, 294 Asylum street, has some of the best and healthiest nursery stock he has ever offered. You are invited to call and select your own stock. If desired, competent men will be furnished for planting.

"I've always noticed," said the white-haired old philosopher, "that running into debt isn't half so annoying to some people as running into their creditors."—*Judge*.

Christensen & Benjamin, 30 Asylum street, have an excellent line of woollens for spring and summer wear. Prices are moderate and a good fit is assured.

The Allen Kushion Kumfort Shoe is a popular favorite and its popularity is justly increasing. It makes walking a pleasure. Sold only at the agency, 839 Main street.

At a recent Chamber of Commerce dinner the following story was told: "At the time of King Edward's recovery from appendicitis thanksgiving services were held all over the British dominions.

"The services were concluded at a certain place by the singing of a well-known hymn, which happened to be in the back of the book.

"Let us close the services," the rector said, 'by singing the hymn, "Peace Perfect Peace"—in the appendix.'"—*Selected*.

Messrs. W. W. Hunt & Co. are conveniently located at No. 8 State street and have an excellent stock of hardy roses, shrubs, vines, fruit and ornamental trees, etc. Send for catalogue.

FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEES.

A Traveling Game.—We find in the *Congregationalist* the following account of an old game, with modern variations. It will work in nicely at some social when the members are small. The players sit in a row and No. 1 mentions the name of some place beginning with the letter A, to which he is going, and asks of his neighbor what he shall do there. No. 2 must answer in words beginning with an A and in turn name a city beginning with the letter B, asking what shall be his occupation there. The answer must be given so that the principal words begin with B, and so on. For instance:

"I am going to Athens. What shall I do there?"

"Ardently admire Acropolis. My journey takes me to Boston. What shall I do there?"

"Bolt baked beans. I am en route for Cologne. What shall I do there?"

"Catch cold in cathedral. I am going to Dublin. What there?"

"Drink distilled 'dew' daily," etc.

AUTHORIZED INSOLENCES.

A man in Holland by the name of Vet one day expressed his opinion of a constable by calling him a monkey. This outspoken frankness did not meet the approval of the court and he was sentenced to forty-five days' imprisonment for insulting the police.

Before being removed he turned to address the court.

"Then I mustn't call a constable a monkey?" he said.

"Certainly not; you must not insult the police."

The culprit reflected. "May I call a monkey a constable?" he asked, with a flash of genius.

The judge shrugged his shoulders, and, holding no brief for the animal, replied, "If it gives you any satisfaction."

With a smile of gratification Vet turned on his heel in the dock and bowed to his prosecutor. "Good day, constable," he said.

Somebody says few women would vote if enfranchised. Well, it often happens in an election that more than half the men refuse to vote. But if one man or woman wants to exercise the right to vote what earthly reason is there for denying it because other men and women do not wish to exercise it? If I desire to breathe the fresh air of heaven shall I not cross the threshold because the rest of the family group prefer the stale atmosphere indoors?—*Ex-Secretary of the Navy Long.*

Guard within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness. Know how to replace in your heart, by the happiness of those you love, the happiness that may be wanting in yourself.—*F. W. Faber.*

Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Offenders, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offences. Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others. Give us courage and gayety and the quiet mind!—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Association closes its twenty-sixth year on the 30th of April, and the records of the past twelve months show a large and ever increasing work. The theatre meetings were the best of any previous year, the attendance aggregating nearly 16,000 men, and as a result of those large meetings the Association has obtained a grip upon the men of this city that will enable it to do a far better work in the years to come. Sixty-five different men signed cards expressing a determination to live the Christian life. As these were followed up and located, it was found that many of them were transient men, some were already church members, but men who were dissatisfied with their Christian experience and desired to do better. Seven young men have been located in church membership and there are still others that it is hoped will complete their beginning of the Christian life by uniting with some church. Notwithstanding the fact that the boys' department was without a secretary for four months of the year, the work has gone steadily forward and the results are most gratifying. The new secretary, Mr. J. W. Page, will arrive in Hartford about the 15th of May and will enter at once upon his duties.

The Hillyer Institute closed its season with the annual examinations, and the records of the department show the largest enrollment of individual students of any year during the past four years. The Sunday afternoon meetings for men are being conducted at the Association building, and during the month of May, Rev. Mr. Main, pastor of the South Baptist church, has been secured to give a series of five addresses on "Springtime Messages to Men." A spring term in Bible study is being conducted by the general secretary, twelve young men taking the course. The boys' camp will be conducted as usual in the month of July at Swanzy Lake in New Hampshire. The International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America will convene in the city of Buffalo, May 1-11. This gathering also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first International Convention, which was held in the same city in 1854.

"No man can choose what coming hours may bring.

To him of need, of joy, of suffering;
But what his soul shall bring unto each hour

To meet his challenge—this is in his power." *The Catholic.*

"All sensuality is one, though it takes many forms; all purity is one."—*Thoreau.*

HARTFORD Christian Endeavor Union

HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The April meeting of the Union will be held Friday evening, April 29, with the Hockanum Congregational Church Society. It is expected that Principal Keyes of the South school will address us on "Japan," a very interesting spot at the present time, and Rev. C. H. Berg on a general missionary topic. A social hour will follow. Cars will leave City Hall on regular time schedule, and Endeavorers are directed to alight at Station 21, Hockanum.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning April 17.

Topic.—How Christ transforms lives.—Rom. xii, 1, 2; Phil. iii, 20, 21.

The Christian transformation of a human life is its complete change from sin, selfishness and worldliness to the love and service of God in Jesus Christ. It is the entire consecration of our inward and outward lives to God. The heart is changed, and the life is changed. We "present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service." Moreover, we are "not conformed to this world;" we do not have our lives fashioned after the world, but are transformed, changed in spirit and in life.

That Christ can transform the human life is indisputable. This fact is not only thoroughly testified to in the Scriptures, but abundantly proved in human history. Saul of Tarsus, the unbeliever and persecutor, was transformed into one of the most devout advocates of Christianity; Augustine, the infidel and skeptic, became a true defender of the faith; John B. Gough, Francis Murphy and many others have been turned from the power of strong drink to sober and powerful advocates of temperance and sobriety; prodigal sons and daughters have been changed into most obedient and faithful sons and daughters. Therefore, in speaking of Christ as one who is able to transform lives, we are speaking of a fact and not a fiction. And all unregenerate hearts and lives need to be changed, for "the natural heart is enmity toward God, for it is not subject to the law of God; neither, indeed, can be." It needs, therefore, to be transformed, and Christ alone can transform it.

But how does Christ transform lives? Paul answers this question in Rom. xii, 2, when he says, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." The word mind here includes the entire psychical

being—emotions, affections, conscience, intellect and will. The entire inward man must be renewed, and this is done by the power of the Holy Ghost. It is His especial office work to regenerate the human soul, to renew our minds, to transform the inward motives of life, which will also result in the transformation of the outward life. And one of the most efficient agencies through which we receive the power of the Holy Ghost to regeneration is prayer. Whoever is convicted of the sinfulness of the old life and desires and prays for the new will not be denied. This was the psalmist's experience. Convicted of his sinfulness, he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." His prayer was answered, and so will ours be.

But complete transformation is not accomplished in the life. Christ's work of transformation begins here, but it does not end here. When He comes again He "shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory. Now are we the sons of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. vi, 3; Ps. li, 7-11; Ezek. xi, 17-21; xviii, 30-32; John ii, 1-11; iii, 1-16; I Cor. xv, 51-58; Gal. v, 16-26; Phil. iv, 8, 9; I John iii, 1-3.

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REV. DR. D. J. BURRELL. New York has its home in the Marble Collegiate church, of which Rev. Dr. David James Burrell is pastor. Dr. Burrell is a long time Endeavor enthusiast and has espoused the cause with voice and pen. At state and international conventions he has spoken with frequency.

A Message From Dr. Clark.

Things I should like to have happen in 1904:

First.—An effort made to start a Junior society in every church where there is a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Second.—Five thousand new pupils recorded in the correspondence school, many of them taking the Junior course, which fits Junior superintendents for their work.

Third.—Ten thousand new Christian Endeavor societies started, many in neglected neighborhoods (schoolhouse societies), business societies, mothers' societies (to pray for and help the Juniors), senior societies (of older Endeavorers and others to support the mid-

week meetings, prison societies, floating societies, school societies. What a variety and what opportunities! Surely I have set the mark none too high when there are such large possibilities.—Rev. Dr. F. E. Clark, Writing From Steamer's Deck at San Francisco.

Dr. Clark in New Zealand.

Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., president of the World's Christian Endeavor union, recently attended a great national Christian Endeavor convention in Dunedin, New Zealand. Hearty greetings were sent to America, and it was predicted by many that this great organization, with its millions of members in all parts of the world, will be a great bond of fellowship between the young people of the world. Dr. Clark had an interesting interview with the premier of New Zealand, who expressed great interest in and friendship for America and Americans.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning April 24.

Topic.—What Christ can do for "darkest Africa."—Isa. xiv, 11-19.

The problem before Christian missions in Africa is a tremendously great one. This can be fully realized by a glance at some of the characteristics of the dark continent.

1. The size of the continent makes its evangelization a great problem. "Africa is ninety times the size of Great Britain, over fifty times that of France or Germany, over five and a half times that of the United States, excluding Alaska, and over three times as large as all Europe." In these facts we find one proof of the great problem before us.

2. The greatness of the population adds to the difficulties. According to the most recent estimates the total population of Africa is over 160,000,000. When we remember the time and labor required to Christianize the smaller and less populated countries of the earth we have some faint idea of the seriousness of the task when from 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 of people are involved.

3. The character of the people, the moral, social and political conditions in "darkest Africa," form the most difficult feature of the problem of Africa's salvation. Extent of territory and size of population are after all small factors if the people and conditions are favorable. But, alas, in Africa, as nowhere else, are they most unfavorable. Six different races are distinguishable—the negro, Fulah, Bantu, Hottentot, Semite and Hamite, the last two occupying the whole of northern Africa. Outside of Christianity, Mohammedanism and heathenism prevail. Slavery and polygamy abound among the native tribes. The moral sense of the people is of the very lowest order. The continent has been partitioned among the European nations—England, France, Germany, Portugal, Italy and Spain. Nor has this political supremacy been altogether for good. While it opens the doors of the country to the mission-

aries and affords them absolute protection, yet the introduction of rum and firearms has been the cause of incalculable harm. The Christian people of the world should demand that their governments protect those over whom they rule from danger and harm and cease placing within their reach that which causes their greatest destruction. The moral sense of a nation that can send a missionary and a barrel of rum on the same vessel to a people like those of Africa needs to be toned up, and the people of such nations should demand that commercialism should not stand in the way of the moral and spiritual, physical and mental elevation of any people the world over. This done, and the cause of missions everywhere would receive such an impetus as it has scarcely ever received.

The picture of Africa is a truly dark one. Can Christ do anything for the dark continent? Most assuredly He can. He is the Light of the World and came to dispel its darkness. What He has done is a proof of what He can do. Civilizations in the main as low as those of Africa have been uplifted by the gospel of Christ. Heathenism never prevailed under fouler conditions than it did in the Roman empire in the early Christian centuries, yet Christ conquered it. The native races of Europe, though stronger physically and mentally than the native Africans, were yet savage and heathen, in some cases offering human sacrifices to their gods. But the world knows what Christ did for these races. The middle ages were conspicuous for their moral and spiritual darkness, yet Christ raised them to a most glorious light. And Africa itself has felt the touch of its Divine Master and has responded to it. Over fifty missionary societies are at work on the dark continent, and in time, under the blessing of God, the gospel will reach every nation and tribe, and bring them out of the darkness of sin and superstition into the glorious light of the Christ, the Light of the World.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. ii, 1-12; lxxii, 8-15; Isa. xxxv, 1-7; lii, 7-10; Matt. v, 14-16; xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 1-11; viii, 26-40; Rom. x, 14, 15; Rev. xxii, 17.

Ohio Aggressiveness.

Rev. C. H. Hubbell, field secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor union, travels 17,000 miles a year in that state in the interest of the cause. Ohio has set for itself the inspiring task of securing 400 new societies before the state convention at Akron. Ohio's recipe for the tenth increase campaign is:

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A Trio of Items.

In place of the usual evangelistic services for the winter Rev. J. F. Berry, pastor of the Fort Street Congrega-

tional church, Detroit, has organized his Endeavor society into praying bands, which will hold cottage prayer meetings throughout the parish.

The Portland (Me.) Christian Endeavor union is considering the question of securing a public fountain as a memorial to Neal Dow and presenting it to the city of Portland. The state union heartily approves of this and promises cooperation in the work.

There are in America six Christian Endeavorers from the famous society in the Okayama orphanage of Japan, the institution established by that Japanese George Muller, Mr. Ishii. These six boys are pluckily earning their own support by rough work on the railroad and are trying to live up to the ideals of Christian Endeavor.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning May 1.

Topic.—Answered prayers.—Acts iv, 23-31.

The habit of prayer has been as worldwide as the human race. Men everywhere have prayed to something, have felt that there was some power outside of themselves able to harm or to help them, and to these powers they have directed their supplications and prayers. And prayer has been universal because men everywhere have believed in answered prayers. Who would pray without faith in the ability to receive the thing prayed for? The doubting soul may pour out its petition in fear and trembling and yet with hope and in that hope a spark of faith perhaps at least the size of a grain of mustard seed. But, alas, many have cried to those who were not able to hear or to answer. They have prayed, but no answers have been received. But with the child of God it is different. Our God is a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God.

We may firmly believe that God answers prayer for several reasons. 1. God has commanded us to pray, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." "Ask," "seek," "knock"—these are the commands. But how absurd these commands if there are no answered prayers! 2. God promises to answer prayer, and all His promises are "yea and amen in Christ Jesus." He not only commands us to ask, seek, knock, but promises that we shall receive, find and have it opened unto us. If we believe God we must believe in answered prayers. 3. Godly men have testified to answered prayers. The psalmist says, "I cried unto the Lord, and He heard me out of His holy hill," and again, "I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplications." A crowd of witnesses could be called to testify in favor of answered prayers. All could not have been deceived, and therefore their testimony must be true. 4. Examples of answered prayers are abundant. In the topical reference the apostles prayed, and the answer immediately came. The Bible contains many examples of answered prayers, and there is no child of God who cannot

prayer that God will give them answers, praying for the consummation of the kingdom that He has begun.

The answers of answers to petitions depend upon several things. 1. The character of the suppliant. "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth." "If we regard iniquity as our strength, the time will not overtake us." 2. The character of the supplication. All prayers are not answered. Prayers that portray selfish or carnal desires will not be answered. In submission to the will of God and in the name of Jesus Christ. The Father and God controls all things, and His supervision is perfect. He will not permit a creature to do anything that would interfere with the general welfare of mankind or with His larger care over all His children. All answers are conditional upon the will of God in all our praying. We should not think the spirit that glorified the prayer of the Master when He added to His petition, "Nevertheless Thy will, not Mine, be done."

Scripture References.

Gen. xiii, 20; Gen. xxi, 24-25; 11 Kings xix, 14-16; xx, 1-9; Job xxxiii, 26; Ps. lxxv, 1, 2; cxlv, 1-9; cxv, 1-7; Matt. vii, 7-12; John xiv, 13, 14; xv, 1-7.

Doings of Twenty-three Years.

Professor Amos R. Wells made some statistical comments on Christian Endeavor's twenty-third birthday that are of more than passing interest. A few of the figures follow:

In twenty-three years Christian Endeavor has grown from one society to 14,500 in the United States alone. There is a membership in the United States of 2,661,600. Since November, 1902, there have been organized 3,186 new societies. The doctor work now numbers 13,912 societies; the intermediate work 1,641 societies. There are 17 societies in Alaska. The most northern society in the world is at Point Barrow. Canada has 4,017 societies, not a few of them are in Methodist churches. Mexico has a strong national union and 111 societies. There are 236 societies in Jamaica and 28 in Hawaii.

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Dr. Clark said much on his present around the world tour.

In Baltimore's Fire.

The Christian Endeavor records of the past three years had many Chris-

tian Endeavor memorials were destroyed by the great Baltimore fire. The temporary headquarters for the 1905 international convention, escaped destruction as if by a miracle.

Briefs.

Great Britain now has 8,736 Christian Endeavor societies.

The twelve Presbyterian Endeavorers of Falls Church, Va., contributed \$80 toward the forward movement for a field secretary in that state.

"The Clarence E. Eberman Memorial Fund" for the spreading of Christian Endeavor in foreign lands now amounts to \$1,169.78.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning May 8.

Topic: Crowns trodden under foot.—Isa. xxviii, 1-7; Rev. iii, 11.

The crown is a symbol of royalty and is worn by kings and queens. It is an ancient and universal ornament and "probably originated from the fillets used to prevent the hair from being disheveled by the wind. Such fillets are still common. They gradually developed into turbans, which, by the addition of ornamental or precious materials, assumed the dignity of miters or crowns." In the Bible the thorns that were placed upon the Saviour's brow are called a "crown of thorns," and Paul calls the wreath of laurel given to the victor in the Grecian games a crown. The expression crown is used in Scripture also to set forth the supreme blessings that God will bestow upon His people in such expressions as "a crown of righteousness," "a crown of glory" and "a crown of life."

In the topical references three crowns are spoken of: (1) a crown of pride; (2) a crown of glory; (3) a crown of service.

1. The crown of pride. That He may warn the people of Judah against the sins of pride and drunkenness the Lord, through the prophet, calls their attention to the fate of Ephraim or the ten tribes for the same offenses. The Lord is to destroy the glorious beauty of Samaria because of its sins, and He warns Judah against a similar condition and consequently a similar fate. This is His denunciation: "Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim and to the fading flowers of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are overcome with wine." Though drunken and rebellious against God, pride, like a crown, sat upon the heads of the people of Samaria, but God humbled that pride. He trod under foot that crown, and this will be the experience of all who break the laws of God and are yet filled with a spirit of self complacent pride.

2. The crown of glory. The unfaithful were to be uncrowned, while God himself was to become the crown of the few who remained faithful. "In that day will the Lord of Hosts become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty unto the residue of His people." We have a strong contrast that should

make a deep impression upon us. If living in sin we still crown ourselves with pride and boastfulness, God will humble and overthrow us, but if we are faithful to His laws and commandments He will become "a crown of glory" to us. It should not take us long to decide which of these two conditions we prefer.

3. The crown of service. "Hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown." This must be the crown or reward for service. It cannot refer to the crown of life, for no man can take that from us if we have it. But if God has a work for us to do, and we neglect it, and some one else performs it, he will receive the crown of reward which we will therefore lose. "Let us therefore not be weary in well-doing, for we shall reap, if we faint not." We are saved to serve. Let us serve, therefore, that we may have in time to come both the crown of life and the crown of service.

BIBLE READINGS.

Prov. xi, 12; xx, 1; xxiii, 19-21, 29-32; 1 Cor. xvi, 58; Gal. v, 19-26; xl, 9; II Tim. iv, 7, 8; Jas. i, 12; 1 Pet. v, 1-4; Rev. ii, 10.

From Turkey and India.

In Sofia, Turkey, there is a society that is practically Christian Endeavor, having committees, meetings and topics identical with Christian Endeavor and members of both sexes, though organized as a Y. M. C. A.

A model Christian Endeavor meeting was a feature of the annual Missionary Association of the United Presbyterian Church at Sialkot, Punjab, India. The subject was "Fellowship," and greetings were sent to the all India convention, then in session at Lahore, and an offering of \$15 made for the Punjab district union that day organized at Lahore.

Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Song.

On Dr. Clark's recent visit to Hawaii the Hawaiian Endeavorers sang their Christian Endeavor song, which is as follows:

Hawaii's land is fair;
Rich are the gifts we share
This is our earnest prayer,
O Lord of light:
That as a noble band
We may join heart and hand
Till all Hawaii's land
Stands for the right.

Convention History.

Christian Endeavor has made wonderful convention history. At Boston in 1895 more than 56,000 registered delegates came together in the largest religious assemblage of all time. To the San Francisco convention 15,000 persons crossed the Rockies, and the London convention amazed the world's metropolis by its great size and vigor. —Christian Endeavor World.

Secretary Vogt's Work.

General Secretary Von Ogden Vogt covered eighteen convention appointments in Illinois in March. He spent January in New York state and February in Pennsylvania.

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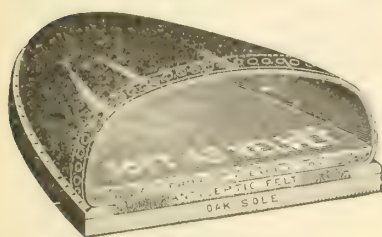
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A Barkeeping Sheriff's County.

Fayette county, in the southern part of West Virginia, furnishes nearly one-fifth of all the inmates of the state penitentiary in spite of the fact that the state has fifty-four other competing counties. The sheriff of the county is a barkeeper of twenty years' standing and since he has held his present office has been several times convicted of illegal liquor selling. Christmas week fifteen murders were recorded in the county.

A Keep Sober Movement.

A "keep sober Christmas day" movement was inaugurated by the Holcombe mission of Louisville, Ky. As a result over 100 out of 140 men who had previously been intoxicated every Christmas for several years testified to their sobriety in the Christmas night service at the mission.

Odd Fellows Bar Runners.

Frederick Odd Fellows lodge, No. 207, of Hamilton, O., has been suspended by Grand Master C. C. Pavey because the lodge numbered three saloon keepers in its membership.

A War Move.

The public sale of alcoholic drink has been prohibited in Port Arthur, Manchuria. A month of hard labor in the fort is the penalty for an officer or civilian who becomes intoxicated, and a Russian merchant who was found selling liquor received fifty lashes.

State Hospital to Cure Drunkards.

The Iowa state senate has voted an appropriation of \$125,000 for the location of a dipsomaniac hospital at Knoxville. The abandoned institution for the blind at Knoxville will be converted into a hospital for the cure of habitual drunkards.

Texas Justice.

For the sale of three drinks of whiskey to the husband of a protesting wife a jury has at Waxahatchie, Tex., adjudged that J. J. Faulkner must pay to Mrs. Beulah Cassidy the sum of \$1,500, or \$500 for each drink sold against her protest.

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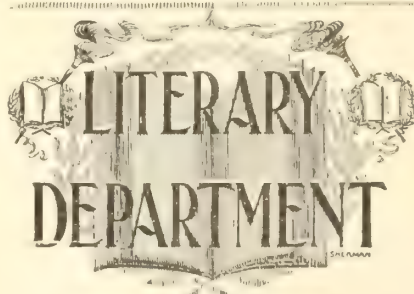
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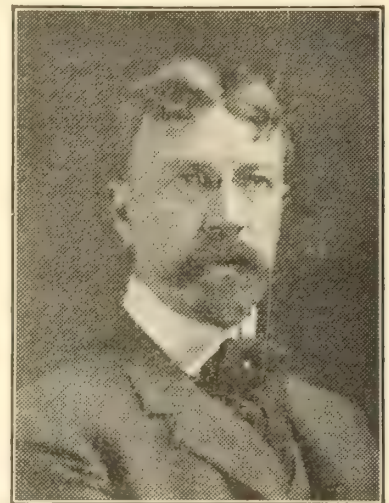
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The April *Century Magazine* contains among its many gems, the first chapters of one of the most remarkable literary efforts of recent years, a pseudo-autobiography, "The Youth of Washington," by S. W. Mitchell. One cannot but admire the self-confidence of the author of "Hugh Wynne," who, in these first chapters proves his capability for writing a better autobiography (?) of "The Father of His Country," than Washington himself could have done.

In addition to titles, portraits of men of the hour and men of olden times, and the usual full interpretative record

of the world's history, the April magazine number of *The Outlook* has several notable illustrated articles. These include, one on the State buildings at the St. Louis exposition, with many "modern" drawings; a talk about "Some American Trees," by J. Horace McFarland, with original photographs by the author, and a description by Dr. William H. Tolman, Director of the American Institute of Social Service, of what may be called the "moral saloons" carried on in England and Scotland by the People's Refreshment House Association in competition with the ordinary public houses.



LINCOLN STEFFENS, AUTHOR OF "THE SHAME OF THE CITIES," NOW WRITING A NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE "ENEMIES OF THE REPUBLIC," IN MCCLURE'S MAGAZINE

Like the coming of the Spring—beautiful and welcome—is the Easter number of *The Burr McIntosh Monthly*. "Much have we wandered in the realm" of magazines, but seldom have we seen more beauty or had more joy contained within one cover.

We congratulate *The Burr McIntosh Monthly* and its enterprising originator, whose name it bears, on this its first anniversary. It is no flattery, only well-deserved praise, to say that the April number is as much an improvement on its first number, as its first number was on any previous pictorial magazine.

The Case for Japan by an American Counsellor of the Japanese Legation in Washington, is a timely article in the April *Leslie's Monthly*, and the best presentation of Japan's side in the present struggle that has been put in English. There is a brilliantly illustrated article on "Our Melancholy Pastimes" which amuses us while it makes us think, and an interesting description of "The Chance for an American Singer," with a number of portraits of the best known American singers.

In the April *McClure's*, Thomas Nelson Page further discusses the Negro Problem as it affects both North and South. His articles are of great significance and interest.

But probably the most interesting and the strongest article is that called "Enemies of the Republic" by Lincoln Steffens, who has contributed more light upon political corruption in our large municipalities than any other recent writer.

The *Cosmopolitan's* fight for a Parcels Post in the United States has made a decided impression throughout the country. In the April issue the editor continues his forceful, telling arguments, showing that one cent a pound would be to the government a profitable rate for postal parcels delivery.



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The Rainbow Chasers. A Story of the Plains. By John H. Whitson. 393 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

Dick Brewster is a character of many parts—cowboy, lover, land-speculator and bravo. Among these there should be some elements of real manliness and Brewster proves that he is a worthy hero.

The vividness of the account of the growth of a boom town, the wild adventure, the realism, even the sordidness of some things suggested, are thrilling and impressive. The story is absorbing from beginning to end, even though it deals with things and people and customs now passed away almost entirely.

Running the River. By George Cary Eggleston. 295 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

While evidently intended for young readers, much in this story will appeal to older ones. The period of the story is that time when the Mississippi was crowded with steamboats and the strenuous competition made life along the river adventurous and eventful. Amid such circumstances the pluck of the American boys and girls who figure in this story was proven, and their characters and purposes developed.

The vigor of the scenes and the human realness of the characters, add to the interest one feels, after the assurance that it is a story true to life and much of its incident true to history.

By the Good Sainte Anne. A Story of Modern Quebec. By Anna Chapin Ray. 286 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.25.

Though the author has been known as a writer of stories for girls, she first came into popular notice by her novel, "The Dominant Strain," published about a year ago.

This new story details the life stories of a vivacious and attractive heroine. The scenes occur in the vicinity of Quebec, affording the author an opportunity for describing places of historic and other interest.

There are some passages of strength and originality, but as a whole the story is hardly more than a pleasant and readable "summer's tale."

Two Argonauts in Spain. By Jerome Hart. 256 pages, 12 mo. San Francisco: Payot, Upham & Co. Price \$2.00.

Genuine original cleverness and light-hearted wit have been the characteristic marks of the Californians in the literary world. It must be the climate. Gallett Burgess, Will Irwin, Jack London and Jerome Hart in recent years, Bret Harte in earlier days and the out-of-tune Ambrose Bierce are writers of distinctive originality.

Here is the narrative account of a flying trip through Spain, with eyes wide open, seeing many things that others had written of, but always seeing them differently. The author's tone is gay and optimistic, but he overlooks nothing of importance and is never affected by the conventional or pedantic.

Hotels, railways, theatres, circuses, bull-fights, the great picture galleries, the Spanish newspapers, the "society ladies"—all these are touched upon with both wit and discriminating appreciation.

The "two argonauts" secured a score of good pictures and they are reproduced in the book.

Where the Tide Comes In. By Lucy Meacham Thruston. 391 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author may well take pride in this story, for it has real substance, is carefully written, has a logical plot and holds the interest closely.

Any one who has seen the Southern negro as he lolls about the stores, stations and wharves,—any one who has ever been in Portsmouth or Norfolk, has an understanding sympathy with the Southern vegetable farmer who figures in this story and has to depend upon such help.

The serious purpose of the story is soon apparent and the introduction of politics complicates the plot and heightens the interest.

Of course there is a fair heroine and the love-story is no minor part of the book.

Parsifal. By H. R. Haweis. 68 pages, 16 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Price 40 cents.

A short and intimate appreciation of this famous masterpiece of Wagner's is very welcome.

The little volume at hand gives a descriptive criticism of the opera by one who heard and studied it at Baireuth, and is otherwise well qualified to interpret it to American music lovers.

A Handbook of Modern Japan. By Ernest W. Clement. 395 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.50.

Professor Clement certainly has an advantage in having resided in Japan for over 15 years, in which time, as a member of the Asiatic Society of Japan, and for his individual interest, he has made a study of all the varied phases of

life there, which renders him capable of giving an adequate social history of the country.

The book, with a wealth of graphic illustrations and a full index and maps, stands as of unusual value among the many books on the country that have been brought out in the last few years.

The Trouble Woman. By Clara Morris. 288 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Price 40 cents.

The trouble that one finds consolation for one's own trouble in helping to solve the problems of another, is brought out in the charming life story of a woman who never visited her neighbors save when they were in trouble.

She called her "The Trouble Woman," and it was a title of much honor to have. There is much pathos in this short tale and it is yet a consoling one.

A Preacher's Story of His Work. By W. S. Rainsford, D.D. 245 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Outlook Company. Price \$1.25.

The dramatic features of a man's life, in the midst of our everyday life, are not considered often, yet one could hardly find a more picturesque or eventful career than Doctor Rainsford's of St. George's Church in New York City.

Doubtless a biographer could give more interesting and significant details regarding the incidents spoken of here, but there is a charm about the writer's modesty, which probably makes up that loss.

If there is not deep inspiration and help as regards both practice and theory in this work, it will be the fault of



REV. W. S. RAINSFORD, D. D.
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prejudice in the reader. One feels that this is a thoroughly conscientious work and that it was written with an earnest purpose far above the idea of self-advertisement.

There is practical suggestion here for every Christian worker and deep interest for every reader, whatever be his idea in taking up the book.

Our People at Sea. By Bayard Taylor. 320 pages. 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

When Bayard Taylor wrote this story he stepped into a wider field of fame than he had enjoyed when thirty years ago wrote a long time now, and yet he never lost sight of his many readers, and his book, published and read, will continue to be the new and beautiful story. The illustrations of scenes in and around the harbor and in the country and the character of the volume as well as its permanent value.

The story is a beautiful one, and the characters introduced have been re-

How Tyson Came Home. By William H. Roden. 300 pages. 12 mo. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.50.

How Tyson is an Englishman by birth and an American by nature and by adoption, for, coming to this country when very young, he went into the West and made a fortune in mining.

Then he goes home to England to find his sister and, through an introduction into high society in London, he meets his boy and pleasant circumstances for a time. Then things change and he and his friends and loses some he had thought friends.

There is a great variety of incident in the story and it is full of vigor and interest, but the development of Tyson's

interest in the coming year, in the significance of that purchase, than has been felt before.

It was a vast empire that was added to our domains and until we read the story of the struggles and suffering of the pioneers of that day, of the discoverers who revealed the wealth of the land to us, we cannot appreciate exactly what "The Louisiana Purchase" or the "winning of the West" really means. Of course the story is of necessity told concisely, but it is comprehensive as well.

The illustrations, one of which the publishers kindly allow us to reproduce, are exceptionally good.

Japanese Physical Training. By H. Irving Hancock. 150 pages. 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.25.

The system of physical training developed in Japan and known as "Jin Jitsu," attracted the author's attention a number of years ago, so that he determined to devote some time to the study and practice of it.

Probably the Japanese are the healthiest, happiest and most athletic people in the world. They ascribe it to this training and if nothing else claims credit, it would indicate, as it does, that the system is a truly remarkable and effective one.

The purpose of the book is to detail the course of diet and exercise, the description of athletic exercises and tricks of attack and defense. The principles of clothing, bathing and general good and rational living, as practiced by this race, are helpful and significant.

There are some very good illustrations.

The Viking's Skull. By John R. Carling. 350 pages. 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

There are almost too many chills produced by this vivid romance, to read it with the satisfaction and enjoyment anticipated.

While the mystery involves much that is weird and fascinating and the interest is not allowed to lapse an instant, it is doubtful if the tale is healthy, or one to delight any average reader.

The love story told is an unusual one and it balances to some extent the other wise sombre tale.

The artist, Cyrus Cunco, deserves especial credit for some unusually good and spirited drawings.

The Yoke. By Elizabeth Miller. 610 pages. 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

This is called in a subtitle, "A Romance of the Days When the Lord Redeemed the Children of Israel from the Bondage of Egypt." This is a very clear description of the subject, and if it were as easy to give an idea of the plot, it would be done here in as many words. In brief the story tells the crossroads in the love affair of an Egyptian of noble family for Rachel, a beautiful Israelitish girl.

But there are a dozen stories and a number of plots all intermingled, and there are so many characters as to be wilder one at times. In spite of this the story is a wonderfully vivid one, and the hold it obtains at times on the reader is intense.

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ferred to often in literary papers in the past years, but it is not so much these studies of character as the whole motive of picturing to us the progress, the life and vicissitudes of the town.

Our People at Sea. By Bayard Taylor. 320 pages. 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

In this story, the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne tells the story of a young girl's love—rather, the story of the young girl's love and her own story.

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character is the supreme motive, and it is well worked out.

How Tyson Came Home. By Henry C. Rowland. 300 pages. 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

Several opinions expressed on this story have been especially enlogistic of the heroine and it confirms the reviewer's own idea of her, for there have been all sorts of fair heroines, but here is one admirable and womanly, pure, sweet and lovely beautiful.

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The Louisiana Purchase and the Exploration, Early History and Building of the West. By Ripley Hitchcock. 349 pages. 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co.

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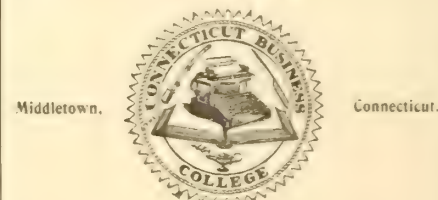
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Total receipts, \$32,845,166.28
It has paid death claims
for \$18,118,473.66
Endowments and an-
nuities for 16,144,863.90
For surrendered Pol-
icies, 7,771,246.49
For dividends, 65,054,360.11

A total return to pol-
icy-holders or their
beneficiaries, being
99.90 per cent. of the
entire premiums re-
ceived, \$27,118,894.16
Reserve for expenses, \$30,893,826.78
Taxes, 11,621,196.45
Total expenditure, 269,633,917.39
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Total assets, \$64,933,547.23

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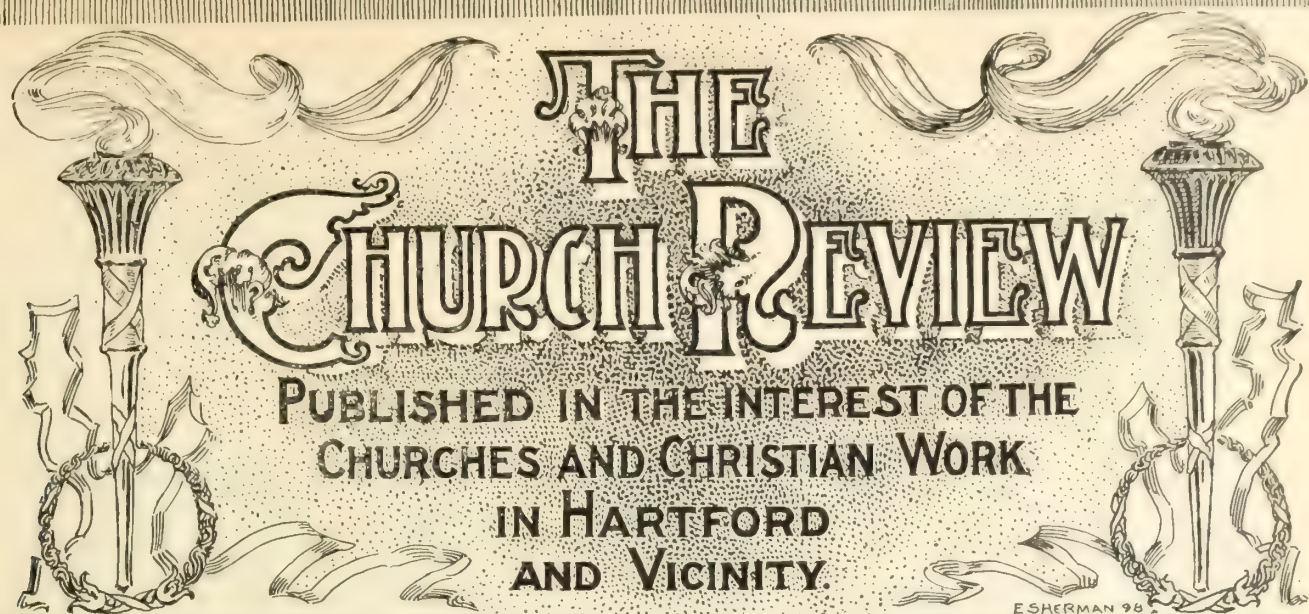
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How many things are clear to us today
That yesterday we saw through mist of
tears!
How many things are better than our
fears!
What sunbeams through our self-
wrought shadows play!
Not one fair, earnest hope is laid away
Within its shroud of weary wasted years,
But from the tangled grass above it
peers,
Full soon, some blossom redolent of
May.
We stretch beseeching hands to heaven
and pray
That this or that be granted whilst we
plead,
We turn with empty hands from prayer
and say:
"We are unheard, forgotten, lost in-
deed!"
When, lo! within our reach some price-
less gift
For which imploring palms we dared not
lift. —Sel.

THE HARTFORD SOCIAL SET- TLEMENT.

Report of the Headworker, Miss Mary
Graham Jones.

From the changes that have taken place in the past few years it must be evident to all that the Settlement has grown quite naturally and simply. It is not alone in new clubs and classes and a larger building that the Settlement's growth is shown, but in a better understanding of the life about us, and a clearer perception of the needs of our neighborhood. Through such knowledge only can the Settlement hope to make its influence felt, strengthening what is good, helping, suggesting, encouraging all efforts toward better conditions, teaching by example that cleanliness is possible in any surroundings, and helping the people to see that great changes can be brought about when each individual awakes to the fact that he is responsible for dirt, discomfort and unloveliness, and that if we all pull together and work together and help one another we can have clean, healthy

streets, neat, attractive homes, and children with sound bodies, well stored minds and disciplined characters. A clear understanding of the life by which we are surrounded should not be confined to the residents in a Settlement; every man and woman who enters into Settlement work should comprehend that it is not enough to give an hour a week to running a club or conducting a class, but that every one should investigate and thoroughly inform himself as to actual conditions, and so gain an insight into East-side life that will equip him for more intelligent social service. The Settlement offers itself as a place where earnest young men and women may study East-side problems through personal friendship with the people, and welcomes all such to this neighborhood house where people of every condition draw near to one another for mutual inspiration and helpfulness; where they gather to share their good things, whether they be ideas, ideals, or just good times. The attitude of the Settlement toward its neighbors is "not one of personal patronage, not to do for another nor get him to do for us, but rather to know our neighbor and work with him." Our aim has been to center everything in the homes as much as possible; to make our girls and young women more efficient and intelligent home-makers and home-keepers; and to give them all the beauty and enjoyment they crave, so that they will not have to seek recreation in undesirable ways and places. The Settlement encourages the older boys and girls in their efforts, to strengthen the social life of the home, lending games, books and pictures to interest and amuse the younger members of the family. Often the older people also enter heartily into the evening's fun. A little daughter who can play the piano or a boy who can introduce a new game often proves a stronger magnet than the attractions of the street corner. The Settlement seeks to keep in as close touch as possible with the fathers and mothers and to help them to understand what it is trying to do, as to gain their co-operation in all its work.

One neighborhood need has been met by providing a warm, bright, comfortable place that proves more attractive

than the streets, the saloon or the cheap show. With cheerful fires, plenty of good reading matter, interesting games, music, and some one at leisure to chat, sing, play or just listen, the young people have found a spot where they are always welcome and where their social instincts can be indulged in safe and happy surroundings. To all who enter the house the opportunity is offered to cultivate a love of beauty, cleanliness and righteousness. Our schedule will give an idea of how many clubs and classes meet daily at the Settlement, but the names convey little information as to the nature of the activities, whether they are for serious work or for recreation. In the case of the smaller children little is attempted beyond teaching them how to play, but during the play hour many helpful lessons in self-control, promptness, neatness and consideration for the rights of others are unconsciously learned. Hours spent in play are worth while if by that means the children are taught how to provide their own amusement so that they can keep themselves and their little brothers and sisters occupied quietly and happily at home, when mother is busy and the big brothers and sisters are away.

For the older girls there are classes in all branches of housework, in sewing, knitting, embroidery and basket-weaving, besides instruction in music, art and travel talks, dramatics, and clubs for recreation, after the long hours spent in the shop or department store.

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One strong feature of the work of the Hartford Settlement is the part that is

taken by the neighborhood helpers. Several of our young people have had experience in the work that has fitted them for positions of trust and responsibility. With their intimate knowledge of the neighborhood life, their perfect understanding of the customs and traditions of the community, they are especially adapted for the work. As assistants in the Library, leaders of play clubs and substitute teachers, they are invaluable. One girl at the recent election, who had gathered the children for their excursions in the summer while the Settlement was closed, and two other young girls took charge of the arranging and giving out of the flowers sent us, showing much thoughtfulness and tact in their distribution. The Headworker has

ing to good citizenship for the Jewish men and women. Through his influence our rooms were opened in the spring, after the close of the public night school, to a few of the earnest students among the Hebrews who wanted to keep on with their studies till later in the year, and through the kindness of Miss Alida Clark and others the work was kept up till larger quarters had to be found to accommodate all who wished to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Perhaps the most interesting and important function of the Settlement is its unorganized work: the friendly give and take of neighborhood life, the social calls, the long talks around the open fire after the regular club work is done, the neighborly habit of dropping in to

space behind the Settlement building, which has been transformed into our flower garden, was, until a few years ago, only a barren and desolate yard with a sun-baked surface of earth above layers of ashes and debris. It seems now an illustration of the beautiful thought that "The solitary place shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

To one who has watched this gradually accomplished it does not seem an extravagance to speak of the garden as a little Paradise. An outsider might not agree with this opinion, though he could safely echo the sentiment once expressed by a tax collector, who viewed the garden with approval and then said, "Truly, this spot is the poetry of prosaic



SUNDAY EVENING.

been relieved of much of the burden of housekeeping by a little girl who has proved so efficient that she is encouraged to look forward to a permanent position as Headworker's Assistant when she has finished her High School course. The opportunity to become club leaders is open to all and proves a valuable incentive to the young people to do good work in their clubs and classes. Two of the younger girls have conducted a most successful School Club for three years, maintaining good discipline and taking full charge of the club without grown-up assistance.

Some of the best work of the year has been done by a young Hebrew student who is intensely interested in his own people, who come over here knowing and understanding little or nothing of American institutions. His plan has been to gather the men together in the American Club for an evening of training in English, with interesting discussions in which all take active part, and occasional lectures on subjects pertain-

talk things over out of club hours, the quiet conversations with groups of older men who come at first to perfect their English, but continue coming after that becomes necessary solely for the pleasure of exchanging ideas.

It is the purpose of the Settlement to Americanize our foreigners; to train our young people in good citizenship; to bring about tenement-house reform through arousing dissatisfaction in our tenement-house dwellers with dirt, darkness and bad sanitation, so that they will demand better, healthier, more convenient houses; to teach our girls and young women how to make and keep an attractive home; to provide a center for the social life of the neighborhood, and above all to serve as a common ground for all classes of society, where they may meet to know and understand one another.

THE GARDEN.

UNDER DIRECTION OF ALMA MAY MERRIAM.

When it is realized that the small

North Street."

To those who have never seen the garden in the height of its floral season it might present an unpromising appearance in the late winter months: the enclosure being but thirty feet square, with old wooden fences on two sides and the bare brick wall of a stable forming its southern boundary line. But a judicious sowing of seeds in the spring provides through the summer a profusion of flowering vines. When carefully trained, white clematis and morning glories will cover the lower part of the wall with a dense mass of foliage crowned with their delicate blossoms. Each year we find more satisfaction in the nasturtiums, which conceal both fences, and then with increasing ambition climb above, twining about the meshes of wire screening, supported there until they sometimes attain the height of seven feet. These easily cultivated flowers are the favorites of the children, who gather hundreds of the flame-colored blossoms. To complete

the green wall which surrounds the garden we have vines also on the rear wall of the Settlement building—honeysuckle and our special pride, the crimson rambler. This rose vine seems to be inspired, for with little encouragement it has spread over a large section of the wall and sends forth countless clusters of its tiny roses to nod above the sand box where the toddling babies in profound contentment pretend that they are gardeners.

We have finally succeeded in having a lawn—at least we may call it grass—around which on three sides are arranged our border-beds. In these are now confined many varieties of flowers which in former years grew in small scattered beds—heliotrope, pansies, fuschias, geraniums, dahlias, marigolds, ageratum, candytuft, sunflowers and cannas, prim-

in turn give a brilliant bit of coloring.

We can boast of a terracé in the front yard. It is merely a mound of earth banked against the fence, but one autumn it was a thing of beauty, being entirely covered with a luxuriant growth of glossy green "Wandering Jew" and a line of geraniums, with the ubiquitous nasturtiums rising above, opposite the door-way, sheltered by wild cucumber vines.

In this terrace, one cool October day, the gardeners were grouping crocus bulbs while a curious but intensely interested "cloud of witnesses" hung over the fence and crowded the pavement outside. Presently a very small lad ventured in, dug a hole with his finger and proceeded to plant a little onion, which was really similar in shape to the crocuses. Possibly it was that boy's

plots on North Street where some plants will thrive notwithstanding the poor condition of the soil.

Some of the neighbors who are unable to have gardens, but who love flowers, were given much pleasure this last summer by window boxes presented by the Civic Club. These boxes were seven in number, very substantially built and filled with flowering plants and trees. More were offered, but we could find places for only seven, as they were rather heavy and were not secure outside the windows except where they might rest upon projecting door-tops below or shelves arranged for the purpose, these being made after clever and original devices. A box was given to one of our neighbors whose husband protested when asked to drive a great



THE GYMNASIUM.

roses, violets, forget-me-nots and other familiar favorites.

One summer we had small fancy-shaped garden beds, and that year something phenomenal happened. We tried as an experiment to cultivate love-in-a-mist in a heart-shaped garden. The seedlings were tenderly cared for, became sturdy plants, and then burst into bloom defiantly as bachelor's buttons. Let it be understood that this mystery was due to no fault of the gardeners. On investigation it was decided that tares had been sown.

In the center of the lawn is a round bed in which was planted on Arbor Day last year our one garden tree, a small, graceful red maple. Before its leaves were unfolded that spring it served as a May-pole, when several merry children danced around it, decorating the slender trunk with gay streamers, as seen in one of the pictures. Under the branches of this tree poppies and scarlet salvia

quite inquisitive elder brother who had been absorbed in watching me plant canna bulbs in the spring and had solemnly inquired why I was "burying them sweet potatoes?" Such ignorance will soon be uncommon, as gardening is now a well-established feature of Settlement work.

We owe much gratitude to Miss Henke, and to several friends who have sent us gifts of plants for the garden—Mrs. Charles Jewell, Mrs. J. Lincoln Fenn, Mr. Wirth, Superintendent of the City Parks, and others, including our Italian neighbor, Mrs. Immaculate Capucci, who gave us a much-cherished box of a feathery green growth, to "make in soup." Particularly do we thank Mr. Alfred Whiting for all his lavish generosity. Last summer he sent us such quantities of plants that it was quite a problem how to find space for them all. We never receive too many, however, as there are half-a-dozen garden

post deep into the ground and put a thick board on that to support the box. After his task was finished he sank down wearily by the window inside the house. Glancing out upon his wife's box-garden, its beauty appealed to him, his mood changed, and he exclaimed, "If I knew the lady who sent you that present, and I had the money to do it, I'd be willing to pay the way over to where Miss Jones is," (in Europe) "to thank her!" This one instance shows how much the window boxes were appreciated.

Each summer the garden gives increasing pleasure by the beauty, brightness and fragrance of the flowers. The gardeners feel abundantly repaid by the enjoyment, interest and enthusiasm of the Settlement neighborhood for the slight expenditure of money, labor and time required to make our desert blossom.

SUMMER WORK.

Through the help of the Courant Fresh Air Fund the Settlement is able to give a great many delightful picnics and outings every summer. Our plan is to send our children out in small groups, every club member having at least one outing during the hot weather. The big-crowded excursions where two or three hundred women and children go out to one of the suburban parks for the day have not proved to be the best and most helpful way of conducting picnics for the Settlement people. The crowding and noise, the responsibility of looking out for the children, added to the care of the baby, tire rather than refresh the mother, so we have given up that form of picnic, and find we get better results from the small group outings. Books of car tickets are given to tired mothers and invalid girls, so that they can take little trips whenever they feel able, and sometimes the baby is left behind with a kind neighbor and two or three mothers go off for a free, happy afternoon together. Besides these day excursions we have our Happy Cottage, where different groups go for a vacation of a week or more. For three years we have spent delightful summer months in the country or by the sea. The house party is usually small, and we come to know one another very intimately, and the close friendships formed in these holiday visits are a great help to our winter work. Mothers and little children, boys and girls, young men and women, have all enjoyed the hospitality of a fine old homestead in Buckland surrounded by many acres of meadow and woodland, and of a charming house at Saybrook Point, where the waters of the Sound formed the back yard, and where the delights of salt water bathing, sailing, rowing and sea breezes added many pounds to their weight and gave them a chance to recuperate health and energy enough to last all winter.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The dedication exercises of the Village street chapel took place Wednesday evening, April 27. A large audience gathered in spite of the storm, and interesting addresses were given by Col. Charles E. Thompson, Rev. Dr. E. P. Parker and Mr. Julius G. Rathbun. Brief reports of the work were given by the missionaries of the society, and the children of the Sunday school sang two selections.

Friday evening, May 6, there was held the annual exhibition of class work at the chapel. The sewing-school, kitchen-garden class, Loyalty Club, Boys' Gymnastic Club and Game Club were represented and some part taken by each. There was a large delegation from the mothers' meeting present and one of their hymns was sung. The gallery was well filled with guests. After the exercises the building and the work of the sewing-school and kitchen-garden class were inspected.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The meeting which was held on April 12, was conducted in devotional service by Mrs. E. F. Atwood. The paper entitled "The Liquor Traffic and Missions," which was an admirable one, was prepared and read by Mrs. F. A. Brackett.

The meeting of April 26 was led in devotional service by Rev. S. B. Forbes. The subject for this meeting was a "Symposium of Optimists." Several members present contributed either by original or selected thoughts.

At the meeting of May 10, Mrs. M. P. Cooley of Willimantic gave an address on "The Power of the Press in Temperance Work." The subject was treated in an interesting and helpful manner.



MAY DAY.

DENOMINATIONAL UNIFICATION.

"In view of what is happening in the religious world," says Newell Dwight Hillis in *Everybody's Magazine* for April, "there can be no doubt that a movement toward the unification of the Protestant churches has begun. Plans are now being consummated that look to the amalgamation of the Congregationalists, the Methodist Protestants, and the United Brethren, which would mean the union of about one million one hundred thousand Christians. In Canada, the Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, and Presbyterians have come together and arranged that if one denomination has a church in the new Northwestern Territory, into which settlers are rushing, the other three denominations will ask their members to unite

with that one church. This means that in a generation there will be but one church in Canada. Already in Australia and New Zealand the churches are federated. In England, during the last few years, all the Protestant bodies save the Episcopalians, have united in one great Nonconformist Church, Dr. Bradford, believes that our Presbyterian, Congregational, and Baptist churches can unite so as to strengthen all, without losing any characteristic or idea of institution fundamental to any one."

MRS. BRAMWELL BOOTH.

Mrs. Booth is better known to the Salvation Army than to outsiders, although her special work brings her into touch with many Christian Socialists, who do not share her admiration for Army meth-

ods. She is a doctor's daughter, and possesses a natural refinement which is influencing every woman officer in the Army. As a speaker she comes near to Lady Henry Somerset. Nervous before standing up, says the *Christian Commonwealth*, on her feet she displays the utmost *sang froid*, deliberately reads her ample notes, if necessary, and extemporises chaste sentences just as readily. Mr. Booth has a logical mind and a strong will, but softened by wifehood and motherhood, she never loses the tender charm of true womanliness. She rarely smiles—the burden of ten thousand confidences of ruined lives is an awful weight for one soul to bear—and there is much of the ideal in her imaginings, which now and again is translated into some new purpose. Progress is her motto, and change if need be; if one plan fails, try another. Mrs. Booth does three people's work on a vegetarian diet.—*Tewkesbury (Eng.) Record*.



PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

On the afternoon of April 29, the Mission Circle and all the young ladies in the church spent a happy time at Mrs. Ranney's. Book titles were guessed and refreshments were served. The mite boxes were distributed in which we are to collect \$10 for next year's work.

On Sunday, May 1, the following persons were admitted to membership in Park Church: On confession of faith, Kenneth Brown, Dorothy B. Barrows, Alice L. Brainerd, Idah A. Peck, Edith A. Marte, Louis H. Marte, Annie J. Robertson, Lawrence E. Stevens and Mrs. Nellie M. Peabody; by letter, Andrew J. Pirotte. We bid them all a most hearty welcome to the fellowship and work with us.

On Thursday evening, May 5, Mr. Camp addressed the meeting on "Church Music."

On Friday evening, May 6, the young people held a debate on the subject, "Capital Punishment." Miss Jessie Abrams and Henry Smith were the speakers. The judges, Mr. Ranney, Miss Brainerd and Miss Pierce, decided in favor of Miss Abrams.

Six from our society attended the C. E. meeting at Hockanum April 29.

On the afternoon of May 8, our pastor gave an address at the dedication of the new church building of the South Manchester Congregational Church.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

Easter Sunday the church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and palms. The pastor preached an appropriate sermon in the morning, and in the evening an Easter service was rendered by the Sunday-school.

Mr. Marvin Pulver represented the church at the Lay Electoral Conference, recently held in Brooklyn.

Miss Grace Todd, Field Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society and recently from the West China Mission, spoke on Sunday evening, April 24, in high-class native costume, of missionary work in China.

Numbers of our people attended the recent banquet of the Methodist Social Union in this city and the Epworth came League District Convention in New Britain.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

At the May Communion, twenty-nine new members were received, this being, in part, the result of the special meetings held under Miss May B. Lord's direction during March.

When the Choral Union retired from the field the Fourth Church choir conceived the plan of giving the public an opportunity to hear the great oratorios. Readers will recall the successful rendering of the "Messiah" at Christmas time. On Wednesday evening, May 4, the second of these concerts was given,

when Haydn's "Creation" was rendered. The public response to this effort on the part of the choir has been most gratifying. Since the admission is free, opportunity is afforded to a great number of people to hear oratorio music for the first time. The choir hopes to continue the plan and will do so if the financial response, through the offering at the concert, is sufficient to pay expenses. It is expected that the "Messiah" will be given again at Christmas time and some other oratorio the following May.

The Christian Endeavor Society will have charge of the church prayer meeting the second Thursday of each month.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Thomas Feltman, from the Adirondack region, came to us, as expected, a few days the past month, and his services while here were much appreciated and enjoyed by pastor and people. He certainly has made no mistake in his calling.

May 1, two persons were received into the church by letter.

May 8, the Sunday-school made its annual selection of officers, and it became necessary to choose a new superintendent, as Mr. A. P. Sloan, who has served so acceptably for the past four years, felt obliged to retire on account of his health. It seems a serious loss, as he was respected and loved for his genuine worth. We are, however, much gratified that a former superintendent, Mr. W. J. Pierce, though in frail health, has consented to serve for the present, with Mrs. L. F. Colton and Miss Bertha Hill as assistants. No other changes were made, and Mr. J. Edward Lay will continue as treasurer, Mr. Herbert Colton as secretary and organist and Miss Louise Kinsman as librarian.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Recently the grounds about the church have been put in fine condition and a flower bed in the center is one of the improvements proposed.

On Sunday, April 17, the Rev. D. D. Marsh, formerly of the Wethersfield Avenue Church, occupied Mr. MacGeehon's pulpit.

Tuesday evening, April 26, a supper was given at the church, followed by music, both instrumental and vocal, furnished by young ladies of the church. Some charmingly rendered readings by Miss O'Connor and phonographic selections were also attractive features.

On Friday, April 29, the Ladies' Union held its annual meeting for the election of officers. The officers who have served during the past year were re-elected.

Wednesday evening, May 4, an entertainment under the auspices of the King's Daughters was given at the church. The principal feature of the evening was a Japanese wedding, in costume, and entirely in pantomime. Mrs. Joseph Gowen sang two solos appropriate for the occasion, and gave a recitation. Tea was served in cups, which were retained as souvenirs.

Mr. Alfred W. Martin, so well remembered as a baritone of the Glenwood choir, was in town Monday, May 9, calling on friends. He is now with Francis H. Richards in New York city.

Wednesday evening, May 11, the pupils of Mrs. Mary Perwo Sage will give one of their ever popular recitals

at the church. Mrs. Sage will be assisted by Miss Ober of the South Park Methodist Church.

BLUE HILLS AVE. CHAPEL.

On April 16, a most successful and pleasant evening was given to their friends by the Ladies' Association. While it was called an Apron Sale, many other things besides these useful articles found a place on the tables and ready purchasers. Financially it more than met the expectations of those by whom it was arranged, and the social side was a decided success. Mr. and Mrs. Davis met informally in this way many who are not regular attendants at the services, acquaintances were renewed and an interest in the work established, which it is hoped may continue.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Death has entered the ranks of the Sunday-school and removed one of our older scholars, Kenneth Hayden, a member of the rector's class, and a member of the school when the rector first came to this parish, eleven years ago, a record the school is proud to acknowledge, while lamenting the loss of a life which was so full of promise for the future.

Offerings for general missions, which included the Lenten offering, have been closed, and \$415.05 is the amount raised. There has been a friendly competition between this school and the school of St. John's church of Waterbury. We held the first place in the diocese for this offering last year, a banner being competed for, which was won by the Sunday-school of this parish, but this year we have heard that Waterbury has beaten us by \$95, giving something over \$510 to general missions. We take pleasure in congratulating their school, and in surrendering the banner offer it with a challenge for next year.

Plans are being made for the Sunday-school picnic, which will be held June 18. When arrangements are completed the details will be published in the papers.

There will be a review of the Sunday-school lessons by the rector, covering the last quarter's studies, which will be illustrated by stereopticon, slides having been secured for that purpose. The entertainment will take place in the chapel on the evening of May 26, and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

A Rubber Social, the admittance to which was ten cents, or some article made of rubber, was given on Wednesday, May 11. Ice cream and cake were served and an interesting evening's program made the social a very pleasant occasion for all.

The evening services on Sunday are fairly well attended, as are also the Y. P. S. C. E. and Junior meetings. There is much satisfaction in this fact, as it shows a real interest in the work.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Knights of King Arthur, a society of boys in our church, were visited by the Knights from the Center church of Hartford Friday evening, April 22. Mr. Meesick of Spencer, Mass., the national

king of the Knights, was present and gave an address, after which a social hour was observed.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

May 1, at the regular communion service, ten were received into the church on profession of faith and ten by letter. We are very glad to extend a welcome to them and hope they will never regret coming into our membership.

The lunch served by the ladies was a great success, netting them over \$150, which will enable them to make up their mission fund.

Mr. Marsh, our new bass, taking Mr. Spencer's place in the choir, is very much appreciated, and we congratulate ourselves that we have secured his services.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

At our May communion, Mrs. Adelbert Gardner was received into membership on confession of faith.

Our church was represented by twenty-one at the quarterly conference, held at the Asylum Hill church on the 2d inst.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in our church Sunday evening, April 24. Special music, recitations and a stirring address by Rev. Duane Griffin of Hartford made the evening very profitable.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The service in memory of the late Rev. Henry Clay Trumbull, last month, proved helpful and stimulating. Mr. John B. Smith of Berlin read an exceedingly well-written and appreciative paper on Mr. Trumbull, with whom he was quite intimately associated in Sunday-school work. Mr. W. H. Hall of West Hartford followed with a brief talk about Mr. Trumbull's work. The officers and teachers of the Sunday-school had a supper for the speakers preceding the addresses.

The men's class in the Sunday-school has undertaken to fit the small chapel with electric lights. A concert by the Ideal Mandolin Club, with Miss Adelaide L. O'Connor as reader, was given under their auspices to assist in raising the money.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The curate, Rev. Reginald Heber Scott, has returned quite recuperated after his trying illness.

The Bishop confirmed thirty candidates on Wednesday, May 5.

The Guild of St. Mary is to give an attractive play this month in the parish house.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Thursday, April 14, the twenty-first annual meeting of the Connecticut branch of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society was held in this church.

Wednesday, April 20, a musical and literary entertainment was given under the auspices of the Junior Endeavor Society. The proceeds go to the Italian work of the Hartford Baptist Union.

Sunday, May 1, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Main, began a series of evening sermons on the general theme, "Home,

Sweet Home." The first sermon was on "Marriage."

Sunday, May 8, the pastor addressed the Y. M. C. A. anniversary meeting at Parsons' Theatre on the subject, "A Young Man's Defence."

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The young people's social in April was much enjoyed by those who attended. Great credit is due Mr. Wells and the other members of the social committee for the fine musical and literary programme.

At the business meeting of the Endeavor Society, Miss Daisy Wilbur handed in her resignation as secretary, which was reluctantly accepted. At a later meeting, Miss Fannie Dimon was elected her successor.

On April 25, Mrs. Kingsley left her earthly home, after a long and painful illness. Before her illness she was an active member of the King's Daughters Circle and retained her interest in this work even when unable to participate in it.

On May 8, Dr. Stone gave an historical sermon on "The Providence of God in the Louisiana Purchase."

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

The annual parish meeting of this church was held April 30. Officers were elected and after the meeting a social time was enjoyed, light refreshments being served.

Miss Case's class of eight girls gave a sale of fancy and domestic articles, which netted \$58.

Owing to the ill-health of the rector, he has taken a southern trip.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of the parish, two new vestrymen, Mr. Charles B. Kelsey and Mr. Henry S. Webber, were elected. The resignation of Mr. Robert H. Burton was accepted. Mr. Burton has served faithfully for nearly fourteen years. He was at one time superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The class in vocal culture, under the leadership of Mr. Weyhe, has finished its course. A concert was given by the class on Monday evening, May 2, at Unity Hall.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

We have great reason, as a church, to show forth our gratitude to God for all He has done for us during the past year, but first of all for the gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit among us.

Rev. Mr. Peckham, assisted by our pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, commenced a series of meetings April 10, the evangelist preaching every evening except Saturday. His earnest and powerful sermons were quickly felt and careless ones soon came, and have accepted Christ. Quite a number of young people are ready to follow Him in baptism and a large number have been received by letter.

Now, in addition to our morning preaching service, we have a Sabbath evening conference meeting, led by brethren from the Hartford churches.

Rev. Mr. Connell is untiring in his work here and some of the results are manifest. The prayers of the faithful ones are heard. To God be all the glory.

NORTH METHODIST.

The banquet of the South Park Methodist church was a success in every way. A number from this church attended.

The camp-meeting committee has over \$60 in the bank, as a fund for a new house at Plainville camp ground, and is working steadily for the fund.

A rubber social was given last week, which was not only much enjoyed, but was a success financially.

The King's Herald's held a meeting with Mrs. E. B. Freeman last week.

The Thursday evening prayer meeting would be much helped if the members would come in larger numbers. The pastor makes the meetings always interesting.

Miss Emily Harvey and Miss Annie Macdonnell sang solos at the young people's meeting Sunday evening and the audience was much pleased.

UNITY CHURCH.

On April 17, Rev. Mr. Waite gave an interesting discourse on "Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Religious Independence," a subject suggested by his birthday anniversary this month.

On April 24, Mr. Waite took for his subject, "Jefferson's Spiritual Father, the Discoverer and Dispenser of Oxygen." The choir were assisted by Mr. Fisher, violinist, and this addition to the music was much appreciated.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

On May 22, Mr. Twichell will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

On May 27, there will be a council called by the Asylum Hill Congregational church for the examination and ordination to the Christian ministry of Mr. Philip C. Walcott and Mr. Charles K. Tracy, both of the graduating class of the Hartford Theological Seminary.

Mr. Walcott has been called to, and accepted, the position as assistant pastor of this church and will commence his work the first of June.

On May 30, the pastor will deliver the Memorial Day address at Yale University.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Our newly appointed pastor, Rev. J. M. Yard, began his duties here April 17.

One Sunday evening and two Thursday evenings our church united with the Baptist church in their revival meetings, which were interesting and very helpful.

Wednesday, May 11, Rev. J. M. Yard leaves for Buffalo, N. Y., as delegate to the Y. M. C. A. convention, held in that city.

Mr. Chasey of Wesleyan, will preach for us May 15.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last communion service five people united with the church on confession of faith and two by letter.

The annual choice of seats took place Tuesday evening, April 26, following which was a social time and ice-cream sale by the Y. P. S. C. E.

The Children's Mission Band gave a delightful floral cantata on the evening

of April 29. A large number attended and a good sum was realized.

At the last vesper service held for the young people, "Miriam's Song of Triumph" was rendered by the Windsor Avenue Choral Club, assisted by Mrs. L. P. Brown, soloist.

Through the kindness of one of our church members, the Sunday-school teachers are being benefited by a course of study on the Sunday-school lessons. The lessons are conducted by Professor Beardslee of the seminary, and are held Thursday evening, at 6:45, preceding the regular prayer meeting.

The May breakfast held May 4, and the "Market" which was opened in "Hollywood Street," beginning on the evening of May 3, proved a great financial success. The booths were most attractive and many people patronized them, also the May breakfast, meals being served from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Rev. Herbert C. Ide of the South church of New Britain exchanged pulpits with the pastor Sunday morning, May 8.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

The Up and Doing Club has organized a "rubber" contest, to be held soon. There are two sides of eleven members each, which are to accumulate as much rubber as possible. The rubber will then be sold and a supper will be served the winning side by the losers.

At a meeting of the Sunday-school board the following officers were elected: Supt., Frank Burger; asst. supt., Frank Wilson; secy., Wilbur F. Granger. Rehearsals for Children's Sunday are in progress.

The Epworth League has elected the following officers: Pres., Edna G. Bidwell; 1st vice-pres., Alice B. Goodwin; 2d vice-pres., Mrs. J. A. Wilson; 3d vice-pres., Charles Rathbun, Jr.; secy. and treas., Bertha Goodwin.

Rev. J. H. Knott and Charles Rathbun, Jr., attended the Epworth League Convention in New Britain.

In the death of Mrs. John Alderman, the church has lost one of its most willing and helpful workers. Mr. Alderman and daughter, Lillian, have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our Christian Endeavor has changed its consecration meeting from the last to the first Sunday of each month. Delegates went from our society to the union meeting at Hockanum Congregational church.

The April missionary meeting was led by Mrs. Fred A. Guild. One of the students from the seminary gave a short address on "Darkest Africa." Several short pieces were read by others, which were very instructive as well as interesting. The meetings of late have been very well attended.

The Evangeline Circle holds its meetings Thursday afternoons, instead of on Wednesdays, at the homes of the different members. During the past month they gave a supper, but, owing to the general fear which people of this vicinity entertained for "spotted fever," it was not a success.

A paper has been circulated among the members to make up the deficit in church expenses for the past year. About two-thirds the required amount has been raised.

The attendance at the Sunday-school has been very good during the winter and spring months. We are trying very hard to reach the hundred mark. Mrs. Hastings, the pastor's wife, has taken the junior class.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered Sunday, May 1, seven new members joining in our fellowship, one being by letter.

Our pastor preached on the topic, "The Opportunities and Obligations of Common Sense," Acts 19:35-41, Sunday morning, May 8.

The Junior League met at the home of the pastor, No. 354 Laurel street, Sunday afternoon. On Friday evening the league members and assistants will meet for a social time at the home of the pastor.

Thursday evening, the subject, "The Devotional Value and Use of the Psalms," was discussed by the pastor.

Horatio P. Blair united with this church June 6, 1858, and died at Collinsville, May 5, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Frank Russell and his family were dismissed from this church, May 5, to the Park Avenue Congregational church, Meadville, Pa., of which church he was installed pastor May 10.

Our Chinese Sunday-school meets in the Sunday-school room at 4 p. m. Sundays. All interested are welcome.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The entertainment given by the young people of the church, April 26, at the Memorial hall was a decided success. The play given was entitled, "Rebecca's Triumph," and the characters were taken by young ladies of the church. The acting was well done and the hall was filled with a well-satisfied audience. The proceeds will be used for furnishings for the Memorial house.

The twelfth local assembly of the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Connecticut was held May 5 at the church. There was a large attendance of members and friends. Holy communion was celebrated at 9:30, Bishop Brewster celebrant, assisted by Rev. William Wilkinson of Minneapolis, the Rev. S. R. Colladay of Middletown, and the rector, Rev. G. T. Linsley. The business session was called to order in the Colt Memorial hall at 11:30. Addresses were made, reports read, officers elected and five-minute papers were read by members of the order.

The afternoon session began at 2:15. Addresses were made by the clergy present.

The arrangements for the assembly were in charge of St. Agnes' Chapter of the Church of the Good Shepherd and Christ Church Chapter of Christ church.

Ascension Day, this year, will be observed by both morning and evening services.

The evening service on Thursday, May 12 (Ascension Day), will be a change from former years' observance and will enable members of the church to attend who cannot do so at the morning hour.

The last meeting of the season of the Men's League will be held Thursday evening, May 26. A musical program has been prepared by the committee. An

address will also be given by the rector. Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

FIRST BAPTIST.

A special Committee of Finance, appointed some time since, presented a report at a recent Thursday evening meeting. The changes in the church organization suggested therein materially differ from our present system. It is hoped that after careful consideration the report will, if not accepted in its entirety, help toward an improvement in our present system.

On Tuesday evening, May 10, a meeting of the Young People's Association was held at the church, at which new plans were discussed for reorganization along more active lines.

Mr. Herbert P. Stedman has been engaged as tenor of our choir for the coming year. In the May number of the *First Baptist Monthly* an excellent group photograph of the old choir is reproduced.

A committee has been appointed to arrange exercises for Children's Sunday, which is to be on the second Sunday in June. A committee has also been appointed to be on the lookout for the right place to hold our Sunday-school picnic.

On Tuesday, May 3, the Young Ladies' Mission Circle held a Rubber Social in the chapel, at which contributions of old rubber in all forms were made, afterwards to be sold. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

At the annual meeting of Simpson Chapter, Epworth League, Friday evening, May 6, the following officers were elected: Pres., George W. Butler; 1st vice-pres., Shirley Gledhill; 2d vice-pres., Mrs. Stanley Spafford; 3rd vice-pres., Miss Lena E. Ailing; 4th vice-pres., Miss Clino E. Gale; sec'y, Miss Hattie A. Morris; treas., Stanley Spafford. These officers will be installed Sunday evening, May 15, when the fifteenth anniversary will be celebrated.

At the convention of the New Haven District, Epworth League, held in New Britain, May 4, a number of our members were present and the services proved very helpful and inspiring.

The weekly meetings of the Sunday-school officers and teachers are proving very instructive. Besides the study of the lesson there is a special topic for each meeting which brings out much that is of help to all.

The banquet of the Methodist Social Union of Central Connecticut was held in Boardman Memorial chapel on the evening of April 22. Representative Methodists from all over central Connecticut were present, and the occasion was much enjoyed. Music was rendered by the Ideal Banjo and Mandolin club, and addresses were given by the Rev. Herbert Welch of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Professor William North Rice of Wesleyan University. Dr. A. H. Goodenough of Bristol was toastmaster.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper in the chapel, April 29, which was a success, both financially and socially.

A Boone county man tells us that he has solved the drought problem. He plants potatoes, corn and onions together and the onions bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such quantities that the roots are kept moist and a big crop of corn is raised.—St. Louis Humorist.

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CHURCH BELLS.

In the midst of cities church bells are not heard at their best. Indeed, the surrounding clamor often prevents their being heard at all, excepting within limited areas. But in the outskirts of the city, or in the country, where the tones float up the hills and away across the valley, they make sweetest music. There are bells of sweet tone and others of harsher notes, and each seems to carry a message of its own.

Occasionally a person is found who would abolish the ringing of bells on the ground that they disturb the sick, and are unnecessary as markers of time in an era when clocks and watches abound, but most people have a more kindly feeling toward them.

Chimes from a church tower, with their silvery cadences and rhythmic tones, are particularly sweet, and to

the passerby in the crowd, the man who since boyhood has wandered far from the old ways, who has forgotten the God of his youth, these bells speak tenderly and winningly.

On the Sabbath day from the steeple comes the long, solemn call of the bell, vibrating in the stillness and dying away in a dream. A pause, and it comes again, no other melody on earth more full of thoughts of heaven.

As a recent writer has said: "Men have heard that peal of the village church ten thousand miles away, in the depths of the desert. Men have heard it on a ship's deck in midocean, and the oath has died on their lips. Men have heard it in the midst of the clangor of battle, when the bullets whizzed beside them and comrades were falling at their side. And, who knows, we may hear the echoes of our church bells when we reach the golden atmosphere of the celestial land, and as Bunyan tells us in his wonderful story, when Christian crossed the river, 'All the bells of the city were rung for joy,' so may it be with us when we go home."

GOOD WORDS, WELL SPOKEN.

President Mellen of the "Consolidated Road" seems to be the right man in the right place.

He has not hesitated to talk and talk freely, and the public seems to appreciate the spirit of his remarks.

His recent address in this city, in which he had some plain words and good advice for trades unions, was full of sound sense and good spirit, and he got right down to the core of life in these words:

"What is the end to be accomplished by us one and all in the life we lead here? Is it that we shall rob each other like brutes by the exercise of force, as too many seem to think; do injury that we may obtain the use for a few years of what can be of only temporary advantage that we must drop when we depart; or shall we as we go along help each other, reason out our difficulties, bear with each other, remembering at the best life is but a compromise, that none of us gets that for which he is striving?"

CONGRESSIONAL FUNERAL JUNKETS.

There has grown up in Washington an abuse which is a decided discredit to the Congressmen of the United States. It is in connection with the funerals of deceased members.

It is now revealed that the funeral of Senator Hanna cost the government more than \$30,000, although he was a millionaire. More than forty speeches were delivered in Senate and House

in eulogy of Senator Hanna and Representatives Burk and Foerderer. These will be published in immense volumes, and the funerals and eulogies of the three men will cost the country not less than \$100,000.

Large Congressional committees are sent to the funerals on chartered Pullman trains, sometimes as many as fifty persons going, and everything is furnished by the government. They drink the rarest brands of champagne and smoke cigars that cost \$1 apiece. Some of them arrive in such condition that their presence is a distinct reproach to the body that sent them.

Several years ago William McKinley was interviewed on this subject. "It is a dreadful abuse," he said, "and ought to be corrected, and probably will be. These expensive funerals ought to be abolished. And I would not give a day to eulogies, either; I would have an hour or two given to funeral speeches the moment a death is announced, and return to it no more. Then, whatever is said would be impromptu and spontaneous; it would come from the heart and go to the heart, and there would be very little that would be merely formal and artificial. Our whole method of burying Congressmen should be revolutionized. There should be no more junketing excursions to bury our dead in some far off state."

Rev. E. P. Hammond recently received a letter from a missionary in Japan. By permission, we quote a part of it, as it throws some light on the missionary situation in that country:

"We were glad to get back to Japan and to be at work among the people. I am sorry to say the war is going to hurt the work in many ways, and it will only be the grace of God that will keep many of the Christians from going back to Buddhism again. The Buddhist priests are hard at work just now telling the people that the Russians are Christians, and that they must do all they can to put down Christians, and to have nothing to do with their Jesus. Many of the people think and talk of nothing but the war; they care nothing for Christ and His salvation. There are millions in Japan today who know nothing about the true God and His Son who died to save from sin. Year after year they perish as though of no more worth than the leaves of autumn. We know that God, and God only, is equal to our need, and with Him we plead for the salvation of this lost people. Pray much for us that we may have great blessing from the Lord upon the work of our hands."

An event of importance last month was the dedication of the new home of the City Missionary Society on Village

street. This event occurred on April 27, and marks the beginning of a new era for the society, in which it is believed a great and useful work will be carried on, to the glory of God and the good of men, and to the lasting benefit of this city. Among those taking part in the dedicatory exercises were President Charles E. Thompson, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, Rev. William De Loss Love, D. D., Rev. H. E. Peabody, Rev. E. P. Parker, D. D., Mr. J. G. Rathbun, Mr. Henry J. Gillette, Miss C. E. Bartlett, Rev. Pasquale De Carlo and Rev. Prof. A. R. Merriam.

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENTS.

Through the courtesy of the Congregational church in Glastonbury, the Hartford Sunday-school superintendents' Union will hold a meeting the latter part of May in their newly completed Sunday-school room, further notice of which will appear in the press.

A cordial invitation is hereby given to all Sunday-school workers to be present.

REV. E. F. TALMADGE, *Pres.*,
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HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The City Mission Society dedicated its new building at No. 50 Village street, on April 27, Dr. E. P. Parker making the principal address. The building is commodious and well arranged for the Sunday-school and other educational work of the society. Mr. Gillette retains his office for the present at 234 Pearl street, but will eventually have an office in the new building.

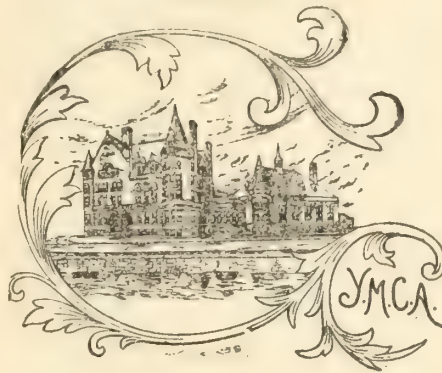
The system of lodging vagrants at the police station came to an end on April 15, by vote of the police commissioners, on recommendation by the Common Council committee, which had made a thorough investigation of the subject. The change had been previously announced and very few vagrants have applied for a lodging since that date. They have been cared for by the charitable organizations. The number of free lodgings given at the police station has been increasing for several years until it had become a menace to the peace and health of the community.

The commission appointed by the last General Assembly for organizing a reformatory for men is making progress, though the site for the building has not yet been selected. The plans adopted by the commission will limit its field to young men, who are, for the most part first offenders and likely to respond to efforts for their reformation.

Announcement has recently been made

of a new industrial school for boys, under Roman Catholic management. The school is to be conducted by the Xavierian Brotherhood, members of which are to come here from Baltimore, where they conduct a large and flourishing reformatory school.

The Charity Organization Society, the Civic Club and the Social Settlement have organized a joint committee and are making plans for a systematic investigation of tenement house conditions in Hartford.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The 26th anniversary of the Hartford Young Men's Christian Association was celebrated in Parsons' Theatre, Sunday evening, May 8. A large audience was in attendance. Addresses were given by Mr. Daniel R. Howe, president of the association; Mr. Charles A. Jewell, vice-president; Mayor William F. Henney and Rev. W. H. Main, D.D. The special interest in the anniversary exercises centered in the burning of the \$40,000 mortgage, which the association has carried since the erection of the building some ten years ago. The Association enters upon its 27th year with renewed courage and enthusiasm and looks forward to a very successful year. A little statement has been issued giving the following interesting facts, from the reports of the Committees of the year. The following figures show how the building of the Association is used:

980 young men and boys are members.

300 is the average daily attendance at the building.

600 men and boys hold gymnasium privileges and are finding health, strength and helpful recreation in wise and systematic exercise.

35,000 men made use of the reading room during the past year, and found therein pleasant diversion and intellectual stimulus.

261 individual students were enrolled in the evening classes of our Hillyer Institute.

70 young men were enrolled in the five classes for Bible Study.

1,014 men attended 14 Sunday services.

3,094 attended 18 social gatherings.

32,182 visits were made to the gymnasium by men and boys.

61 young men were advised with and assisted in obtaining employment.

240 young men directed to lodging and boarding places.

Hundreds of people non-members use the building more or less regularly; various committees of religious and philanthropic work make the building a meeting place. We are a center of information and usefulness to the city as a whole.

The young men and boys pay each year over \$5,000 in membership and other fees.

700 of the members are mechanics, clerks, salesmen, office men and others on small salaries or wages.

Outside the building, 15,800 men attended the 22 Men's Meetings held in the Hartford Opera House on Sunday afternoons, November 1 to April 1.

5,100 people attended the 8 Star Course entertainments held in Unity Hall.

2,625 people attended the 12 Lyceum lectures held in Unity Hall.

750 men attended the 15 shop meetings.

The membership of the association has grown from 823, April 30, 1901, to 980, April 30, 1904. In addition to this membership the Association has enough men contributors to bring the total up to 1180 men who are identified with the association's work.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The first of May each year is a season of joy and gratitude to the friends of the Open Hearth, and this year was no exception to the rule. The sixteenth anniversary exercises, which took place on the evening of Sunday, May 1, in the chapel, were among the most gratifying and interesting which have been held. Dr. C. D. Alton, president of the Association, gave a short resume of the work and showed its great progress from small beginnings, to its present condition as one of the great institutions of our state and city. The future wants of the work were spoken of and the interest felt gave evidence that the future needs of the institution, namely, an additional building for a chapel where all could be accommodated in comfort, would be soon supplied.

Superintendent Miller spoke of his fifteen years' experience as superintendent and recounted the numerous cases which almost daily came before him. Rev. James Goodwin spoke of the pleasure he had taken in the work of the Open Hearth and the harmony and love which had carried the work to its present successful condition. He congratulated Superintendent Miller on his fifteen years' experience and expressed his best wishes that he might have many years of usefulness in the same position. Mr. Rich-

and Graff spoke of the Open Hearth in its relation to the family; Mr. Snyhold of the opportunities of doing good in the home; work of the institution; Mr. J. J. Berry of its material and spiritual features; Mrs. A. M. M. Clarke of the Open Hearth and its relations to mothers; Miss A. Killgrun of the Girls' club, and Mr. S. W. Raymond of the Open Hearth as he had known it for 13 years. Instrumental music was furnished by Prof. Northrop and Mr. Casey cornetists, and Mrs. A. M. M. Clarke, pianist. The singing by the audience was led by Supt. Miller.

On Monday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, the annual reception took place. Mrs. C. D. Alton, Mrs. L. P. W. Marvin, Mrs. H. N. Robinson, Mrs. James Goodwin and Mrs. B. N. B. Miller served tea and light refreshments, and Dr. Alton, Supt. Miller, Mr. Marvin and others of the committee welcomed the guests. The Girls' Club wound the May Pole in presence of the May Queen, Miss Daisy Peterson, and Prof. Northrop furnished the music.

The house and grounds were filled with friends of the institution and the occasion will be remembered by all present, as one of the most delightful of the many which have taken place at the Open Hearth.

The members of the Women's club gave an enjoyable surprise on Friday afternoon, to Superintendent and Mrs. Miller, in the German supper which they had prepared. The occasion was one of unmixed delight to all and showed the interest felt by the members and their love for the work.

Every department of the Open Hearth is in a flourishing condition and the great interest felt by all classes of our citizens is a sure pledge of its increased usefulness in the future.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The Rev. Logan H. Roots of Hankow, China, gave a remarkably stirring missionary address on the evening of Sunday, May 8. The large congregation was deeply interested in the very clear statement which Mr. Roots made of the various types of work, educational, charitable and evangelistic, which are carried on in this flourishing center of missionary activity. The offering, which amounted to \$50, was turned over to the work at Hankow.

The new organ progresses slowly, but surely. A detailed description of it will be published when the work is completed. It will be, without doubt, one of the largest and finest in Hartford.

Some handsome woodwork is about to be placed in the church. It will consist of two Gothic arches, supported by a slender column, beneath the north gallery, just under the organ. This improvement will balance the arches under the south gallery and give a more symmetrical effect to the chancel of the church.

The Christ Church Crusaders meet soon to arrange for the activities of

the summer. Last year the baseball nine covered itself with glory.

The Sewing School finished a successful winter's work by an exhibition of articles made. The display was a very creditable one. The following young ladies have assisted Miss Huntington, the superintendent, in the work: The Misses Bell, Bear, White, Stedman, Johnson and Hollister.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The Ladies' Social Benevolent Society held its last sewing circle and supper Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 4, at which there was a special sale of cake and aprons. The ladies have brought to a close a very successful season.

The annual parish meeting was held Wednesday evening, April 20, at which important business was transacted and officers were elected for the ensuing year. The reports from all branches of the church work showed the parish to be in excellent condition.

The members of the Y. P. C. U. have been invited to join the Meriden Union Friday evening, May 13, in a social time. Several members are planning to go down.

The Young Ladies' Society has under way an entertainment to be given on Friday evening, May 20, consisting of pantomime and tableaux, entitled "Reveries of a Bachelor," and tableaux from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Indications point towards its being a very pleasing evening.

The Y. P. C. U. members are already preparing to attend the national convention, to be held at Providence, July 6-13.

TOO SKEPTICAL.

"This paper says that they have just discovered the ree-mains of a twenty-foot saurin on th' banks of th' Penobscot River."

"What's a saurin?"

"I dunno. Guess mebby it's one o' them misprints fer a sardine."

"There ain't no twenty-foot sardines."

"Well, there might be the ree-mains of one."

"I don't believe it. Do you suppose anybody 'd want ter buy a box of sich sardines? I guess not."

"You 're too critical. Ef there is th' ree-mains o' any twenty-foot sardines on th' Penobscot, don't you suppose there might also be th' ree-mains of men big enuff to buy 'em by the box? You 're a atheist, thet 's what you are."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Mrs. O'Rourke (to charitable old Mr. Hartwell, who is giving away poultry to the needy)—Long life to yer honor; sure I'll niver see a goose agin but I'll think of yez.

Why should we live half-way up the hill and swathed in mists, when we ought to have an unclouded sky and a visible sun over our heads, if we would only climb higher and walk in the light of His face?—*Alexander MacLaren.*

Religion is not a little fenced-off inclosure, within which all is sacred, and outside of which all is secular and profane. There is no such distinction to be drawn. Religion is life, character, conduct; it reaches up to God and down into the smallest details of daily duty; it covers everything.—*Selected.*

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

One's actions form a perfect mirror, highly polished, in which are reflected both what is in the inner life and whither it is tending.—Rev. Alvin W. Claxson, Baptist, St. Louis.

The Church as an Example.

The world, lying in sin and sorrow, with a thousand desires to be better, simply calls to the church for examples of those who rise above evil and walk and talk with God.—Rev. Ray Palmer, Baptist, Chillicothe, Mo.

Human Life as a Vapor.

What is each one of us but a vapor that rises and melts away, a shadow that suddenly vanishes? A hundred years ago we had no existence and 100 years hence we shall probably be forgotten.—Cardinal Gibbons, Catholic, Baltimore.

Mysteries of the Soul.

Science cannot explain the mysteries of the soul. No man by searching experimentally can find out God. On the contrary, the man who approaches the study of nature and humanity in a state of spiritual darkness has his darkness confirmed by his reading and reasoning.—Rev. S. C. Eby, Swedenborgian, St. Louis.

Universality of Love.

Love is not for the few, but for the world. God loved the world, this world. He loves it today. There is a provision in grace for every one of the human race that will believe in the Son of God. Moreover, he was the true light, which, coming into the world, lighteth every man.—Rev. Dr. M. Burnham, Congregationalist, St. Louis.

The Gratiuity of Grace.

The grace manifested to sinners is absolutely free. Grace and gratis are cognate terms. Now and then a creditor gives a receipt in this wise, "In consideration of the sum of \$1, thus and so," but not even such nominal remuneration as this is exacted from the sinner who has accepted the grace of God.—Rev. D. J. Burrell, Christian, New York.

Sin of Selfishness.

The world is large, but in childhood it is bounded by self, by the little body and its wants. Our earliest desires, our earliest pleasure, is that of our own well being. Our first charities are selfish. We reluctantly fling a pittance to the beggar, not so much to relieve his wants as to relieve the pressure of duty on ourselves.—Rev. R. Mackenzie, Presbyterian, New York.

Right Use of Money.

Men who stand upon pedestals today because they have money will stand in the pillory in the days to come for not using that money for the general good. He who builds a business on the basis of the Golden Rule is a wiser, truer philanthropist than he who endows dozens of colleges and universities out of gains ill got from the poor.—Rev. P. A. Boyer, Christian, Oakland, Cal.

Stop and Think.

When a man is tempted downward he ought to stop and think. If some selfish consideration entices him toward the abyss he should wait for the sober second thought, but when his nobler feelings are aroused and the angels of God allure him upward he ought to act with instant energy. No man should think twice as to whether or not he should do a generous deed or fulfill his higher convictions.—Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Fight Against Evil Inclinations.

If it is praiseworthy to fight for our altars, home and country, how much more sublime is it to fight against our evil inclinations, desires and temptations. It is true, our valor will not shine before men, there will not be the external glamour attendant upon the strife of the battlefield, but God in heaven, who watches the contest between his grace and our corrupt inclinations, will bless and cheer us on to victory.—Rev. Father Jackson, Catholic, Atlanta, Ga.

The Sin of Indifference.

It is not openly defiant transgressors of law that occasion questioning anxiety in the hearts of religious people today. It is rather those who, with good seed sown and taking a promising start, are failing to bear fruit because of the lust of other things. If the well born and privileged sons and daughters of the church are irreligious, where can we look for the church's support? Are we letting "other things" use up the spiritual capacity in our lives and so missing for ourselves and our fellows the purpose and the beauty of living?—Rev. H. H. Nichols, Episcopalian, New York.

Religion and the Law.

My intellect and the Scriptures both tell me that Christ was not less wise than the founders of our American government. They gave us our written constitution, which states as closely as compact human language can the right and powers of the different branches of the government, the underlying principles and spirit of our law. But they knew too well the nature and character of men to give to each and every citizen the right of putting his own interpretation upon these fundamental laws. They knew that such a policy would swiftly result in dissension and anarchy. Guided by that knowledge, they decreed the establishment of a supreme court, which should be the ultimate court of appeal, whose decisions should be authoritative, final and binding on all citizens, high or low, learned or ignorant. Christ was as wise as they. He knew human nature more profoundly. He provided even more effectually against dissension and anarchy in his earthly kingdom. He, too, established a supreme court to give authoritative, final and binding interpretation to the Bible, the written constitution of his church.—Rev. John B. Harney, Catholic, Chicago.

IRELAND'S PROGRESS**DRIVING THE DRINK DEMON OUT OF THE EMERALD ISLE.**

Temperance of the Rising Generation Gives the Lord Mayor of Dublin High Hopes For His Country's Future—Work of Gaelic League.

Temperance of the rising generation gives the lord mayor of Dublin high hopes for his country's future—good work of the Gaelic league.

Under the chairmanship of the lord mayor of the city the annual meeting of the members and friends of the Father Mathew Memorial hall of Dublin has recently been held. Every part of the spacious building was crowded, and the proceedings from first to last were characterized by great enthusiasm.

His lordship, who has been identified for upward of thirty-five years with the movement, said he was proud that the first public meeting at which he had the honor of presiding as lord mayor of Dublin was one in furtherance of the great and glorious cause of temperance. He thought his connection with the movement had a good deal to do with his occupying the position he was now so proud to fill. The temperance and the Gaelic movements were now great forces in the country. Year after year their influence was becoming greater. They were teaching the people lessons of thrift, of industry, of self respect and of perseverance. The day was not far distant, he thought, when the people of Ireland, irrespective of class or creed, would be ruling its destinies.

"Considerable progress has been made during the last year in the onward march of temperance, both in the provinces and in Dublin," said the lord mayor. "In view of the fact that so much depends on the rising generation it is indeed gratifying to learn from the annual report that temperance has found a firm foothold among the youth of Dublin. 'We have on our side,' it says, 'the rising youth of the city, who through the revived and right spirit of nationality and patriotism, fostered and cultivated by the Gaelic league and kindred societies, take a high and noble view of the duties they owe their country and who place temperance and total abstinence as the bedrock and foundation of their labors for the uplifting, advancement and nationalization of their motherland.'

"The action taken by the archbishops and bishops has no doubt done much to bring about this happy state of affairs. For many years past they have administered the total abstinence pledge to all children about to receive the sacrament of confirmation, with the result now evident on every side. Their wisdom has been abundantly proved. The school children of today will in a few years hence be the men and women of the country. At the present rate of progress it looks as if in a short time we should realize the

ideal of one of Ireland's patriot sons, 'Ireland sober, Ireland free.'"

BISHOP WANTS WAR SONG.

British Prelate Seeks Musical Aid For Temperance.

The bishop of Southwell has just made a novel appeal for a stirring "war march" to be sung on behalf of the temperance cause. When he was young, he said, songs extolling the merits and glories of beer were sung, and a chorus ran:

Whene'er I go out
I carry about
My little pint bottle of beer.

He suggested to the poets of the Church of England Temperance society that if they would only compose a spirited song it might be better than some of the ordinary speeches they heard enlisting the sympathies of people in their cause. What is desired, he said, is a good national war song, a march that people could shout cheerfully.

Poisonous Beer.

The royal commission appointed to investigate the arsenical poisoning in the English midlands during 1900 reports that they have found 6,000 cases, all caused by drinking the polluted beer. Several deaths from this cause are known to have occurred, but it is believed that a large number of deaths attributed to other causes should have come under this category. There is no doubt that a large part of the beer brewed in England before 1900 contained much arsenic from the malt and from the brewing sugars.

Hawaii's Drink Bill.

Among the facts concerning Hawaii presented by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor it is to be noted that in 1903 the imports of the islands amounted to \$26,000,000. Of this amount \$500,000 is credited to wines, malt liquors and spirits and another \$500,000 to tobacco. The same amount is credited to provisions and \$1,500,000 to breadstuffs.

Farmers Fight Saloons.

A tremendous lever in favor of temperance has been brought to bear upon the business men of Hudson, S. D., by the recent action of twenty-three of the prominent and wealthy farmers around Hudson, who have united in a public protest against the saloons. The business men must either oppose the saloon or lose their best customers.

Thought the Lamp Post Was Moving.

A policeman recently told a Greenwich (London) magistrate that the prisoner "came up to him and asked him to hold a lamp post till he went past, as it kept moving."

Free Lunch Prohibited.

The city council of Minneapolis, Minn., has passed an ordinance prohibiting the dispensation of free lunch in saloons.

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BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

"Lillian," said a certain little girl's mamma, "there were three pieces of cake in the pantry, and now there is only one. How did it happen?"

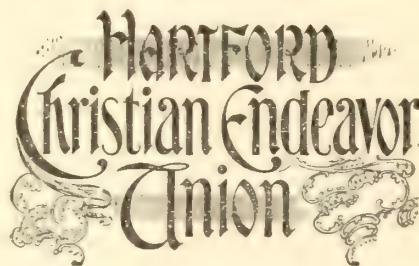
"Well," said the child, her eyes wide open with excitement, "it was so dark in there I didn't see the other piece."—*Little Chronicle.*

Mr. A. H. Pomeroy has his usual excellent line of bicycles at prices to suit all. This year tennis will undoubtedly be the popular out-door game, and for every essential required for the game Mr. Pomeroy is well supplied. His tennis rackets stand the test of hard usage.

"I've just been reading some statistics of births and deaths. Extraordinary thing! Every time I breathe a man dies!"

"Whew! Why don't you chew cloves?"—*London Judy.*

Mr. P. J. Breen, the monument dealer, 1066 and 1068 Main street, reports very large sales the past month. No doubt some of them can be attributed to his advertisement on page 19 of the April *Church Review*. Anyone intending to purchase anything in cemetery stone-work can be certain that Mr. Breen will do his very best to please. In placing your order, mention *The Church Review*.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The spring meeting was held with the Hockanum Congregational Church Society, Friday evening, April 29. A special car from City Hall conveyed about 100 from Hartford and vicinity. Several members of the New Britain Union favored us with their presence.

The Rev. Mr. Erickson of Wethersfield Avenue Congregational church led the devotional exercises, owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bacheller. Principal Keyes of the South School gave an admirable address on Japan, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Irving H. Berg of the seminary spoke in an eloquent and forceful manner along missionary lines.

The benediction closed a very interesting and helpful meeting, after which a choice musical and literary entertainment was held, followed by a coffee and cracker social.

Mr. Irving H. Berg, vice-president of our Northwestern Section, has received a call to become pastor of the Dutch Reformed church of Watervliet, N. Y. We are sorry to lose him, though our loss is others' gain.

Mr. G. H. Wilder, one of our most valued workers, has removed to Westfield, Mass.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

Our state convention is drawing nearer all the time and there is very much to be accomplished during the time left us, in order to make a complete success of the meetings. It lies in the power of each society to do something that will be helpful.

The finance committee is in need of funds to carry out its part of the program, and it is recommended that each society, between now and July, give an ice cream social in aid of the fund. If all take hold of this matter it will help very much.

Place this matter before your societies at your first business meeting. It will be just the kind of work your social committee will enjoy.

Funds may be sent to E. L. Weaver, Charter Oak National Bank, Hartford, with the statement that it is for convention uses.

Yours in C. E.,
ALBERT H. BROOKS, President.

C. E. NOTES.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning May 15.

Topic.—What Joseph and Benjamin teach about brotherly care.—Gen. xliii, 2-31, 34; xlv, 14-22. (Union meeting with the Juniors.)

Joseph and Benjamin were the two sons of Jacob and Rachel. They were brothers, the other ten sons of Jacob being but half brothers to them. Being the sons of Rachel, whom Jacob had first loved and whom he always loved above any other, it was natural that they should be favorites of their father. Until Joseph was sold into Egypt he held the first place in his father's heart, and after Jacob supposed Joseph to be dead Benjamin became Joseph's successor in his father's affections. But not only did Jacob have a special affection for these two of his sons, but they must have had a strong love for each other, as the beautiful story of Joseph's especial interest in and care for Benjamin in Egypt abundantly proves.

Joseph's attitude toward all his brethren when they came to Egypt displays a magnanimous and forgiving spirit, but his loving care for Benjamin is one of the most beautiful and touching incidents to be found even in the word of God. When his brethren returned with Benjamin, and Joseph looked upon his brother, "his heart yearned over his brother, and he sought where to weep, and he entered into his chamber and wept there." The flood gates of memory were opened, and his love for Benjamin was found to have been proof against the intervening years and the difference in political station. Joseph was a ruler in Egypt, while Benjamin was a suppliant before him, yet Joseph still remembered him and loved him. Would that it were always so. But, alas, how often this picture is reversed. One brother, in the course of life, rises higher than another, perhaps is separated from him and has no sym-

pathy, no brotherly love, for him in the hour of trial and distress. Many in their success do not care to acknowledge the relationships of former days. But this was not so with Joseph, and his example should be an inspiration to all to keep in loving remembrance the brothers and sisters of childhood and of youth.

Joseph not only remembered his brother Benjamin, but he also made him the object of his especial care. Before he made himself known to his brethren he took and sent messes unto them from before him, but Benjamin's mess was five times as much as any of theirs." And afterward, when they knew him, he provided for all for their home journey, but especially for Benjamin. "To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment, but to Benjamin he gave 300 pieces of silver and five changes of raiment." Where can be found a more beautiful picture of brotherly care? Let us all imitate it.

Our brothers in the flesh have special claims upon us. It is true that this relationship is physical, while with others our souls may be knit together, but at the same time it is a God given relationship, the mutual obligations of which never cease to exist. Time and distance and position cannot blot them out, and we should consider it a joy as well as a duty to love and care for the members of our household if God calls upon us to do so. And then, too, in the broader "household of faith" and the still broader household of humanity—"all men"—we should not fail in the duties of love and of service as the opportunity and ability present themselves to us. "So, then, as we have opportunity let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of faith."

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. iv, 9-15; xxv, 27-34; Deut. xv, 7, 8; Ps. cxxxiii, 1-3; Matt. v, 21-26; xviii, 15, 21, 22; Mark iii, 31-35; Luke xv, 11-31; Gal. vi, 10; I Tim. v, 8.

None So Deeply.

None breathed so deeply of the Holy Ghost as Christ did, and so His life was calm at the heart of all its outward tumult. It was never loveless; the Father loveth the Son. It was never perplexed; He saw clearly what the Father did. Our Lord never needed to ask the way; He had the spirit of wisdom and revelation. The same peace filled His apostles and was meant for us. If we are to have it the gaining and the keeping of it must go before all else. It is granted only to prayer and faith, and without the exercise of devotion it cannot live. Whatever else we find time for, there must be time for these. Work which interrupts them is work to which we have no divine call.—W. R. Nicoll.

Told In Dollars.

In sixteen years the United Society of Christian Endeavor has contributed \$125,000 to practical home mis-

sion work, the spreading of Christian Endeavor principles throughout America. Every cent of this handsome sum was earned by the publishing department of the United Society.

Last year the World's Christian Endeavor Union contributed \$2,500 to the work in India, and \$1,875 to the work in China.

Sacred and Devoted.

A Christian should look upon himself as sacred and devoted, for that which involves but an ordinary degree of criminality in others in him partakes of the nature of sacrilege. What is a breach of trust in others is in him the profanation of the temple. Lutheran.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning May 22.

Topic.—False and true ambition.—Matt. xx 20-28.

In the incident before us Salome, the mother of James and John and probably the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus, asks the Master that her sons might sit "one on Thy right hand and one on Thy left hand in Thy kingdom." The request was suggested by the sons (Mark x, 35). Believing that Christ was about to establish a temporal kingdom, where there would be no differences in rank and power, James and John solicit the aid of their mother, probably because of her near relationship to Christ, to secure for them the highest places of honor, which would give them special authority. This desire and request were from a human standpoint very natural, and yet the request was based upon ignorance and prompted by ambition. Jesus at once pointed out its falsity and impossibility. These places meant what they did not understand. They were not similar in character to ranks in civil and political life and were not bestowed after the same fashion. "To sit on My right hand and on My left hand is not Mine to give, but it is for them for whom it hath been prepared of My Father." On earth one place was given to a dying, unrepentant thief and the other to a repentant thief dying also by crucifixion. In the judgment day the saved will stand on Christ's right hand and the lost upon His left. How little the apostle's mother knew of what she was asking! Would she have had her sons crucified on earth and one of them lost in eternity?

In this incident, however, we have very clearly and strikingly pointed out what constitutes a false and what a true Christian ambition.

1. In the kingdom of Christ the ambition to have rank or power superior to the other members of the kingdom is a false ambition. Christ teaches us this very clearly in this incident. Such was the ambition of James and John, and Christ rebuked it. Moreover, He declared that His kingdom was unlike worldly kingdoms in this particular. "Ye know," he said, "that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Not so shall it be among you." Dis-

tinctions of rank, of power, are out of place in the kingdom of God, for in it all are brethren, and one is the Lord of all, even Christ Himself. Certain Christian denominations have ignored this teaching of Christ and have set up ecclesiastical distinctions as to rank and power, but it is no less true that the ambition for such positions is a false one. Therefore, "in honor preferring one another," let us guard against false desires for place and power in the church of Christ.

2. In the kingdom of Christ the ambition to be of the greatest service is the true ambition. "Whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister, and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant, even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." "Christian greatness is greatness of service." It is therefore a closed door to none, for all can serve.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. xi, 1-9; xxvii, 15-27, 41; Num. xii, 1-15; II Sam. xv, 1-6; Prov. xvii, 19; Isa. xiv, 12-20; Matt. x, 42; xviii, 1-4; xxiii, 1-12; Rom. xii, 10.

An Evangelist Endeavorer.

No speaker in all the many who addressed the Denver international con-



REV. J. F. CARSON, D.D.

vention was more attentively listened to than Rev. Dr. John F. Carson of Brooklyn. Dr. Carson is a warm friend of Christian Endeavor and has served one term as vice president of the New York state union. He is beloved as a minister and pastor, and he enjoys a large reputation as an evangelist.

A Sturdy Reality.

Any unperverted mind will conceive of the Scriptural idea of prayer as that of one of the most downright, sturdy realities in the universe. Right in the heart of God's plan of government it is lodged as a power. Amid the conflicts which are going on in the evolution of that plan it stands as a power. Into all the intricacies of divine working and the mysteries of divine decree it reaches out silently as a power. In the mind of God, we may be assured, the conception of prayer is no fiction, whatever man may think of it. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."—Austin Phelps.

No Strength From Alcohol.

"I find that alcoholic drinks give no strength," says Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson. "No. On the contrary, drink builds up no muscle, but destroys its power and makes it less active for work."

DRINKING WOMEN.

A Catholic Priest's Plea For Reform In High Society.

That drinking among women of fashion is on the increase and that the example is having a fatal effect on the poorer classes of society was the belief expressed recently by the Rev. Walter Shanley, rector of St. Mary's cathedral in Hartford, Conn. In his address to the members of the Women's Veronica league of the church of the Paulist fathers in New York city.

"Women engaged in total abstinence work can break down the customs of society, something that now, in intemperance at least, is working for evil in a deplorable degree," said Father Shanley. "Drinking among women in high society," so called, is growing apace. It is doing harm and eventually it found its way to the great loss. If unchecked. The greatest resultant danger is that the humbler grades of society are apt to imitate the fashionable class.

"Unfortunately, whatever wears the stamp of fashion is a false stamp of excellence. To prevent the larger world of women from adopting the society custom of drinking should be one of the paramount objects of organizations like the Women's Veronica league. The difficulties that confront you challenge you to increased activity, greater zeal and stronger endeavor."

"Home is no place for the woman addicted to the drinking habit."

Dr. Louise E. Bryson delivered this message to the members of the Rainy Day club of New York in the course of an address upon "Alcoholism and the Drug Habit in Women."

"It is absolutely necessary for them to get a change of environment and especially to have a mental change. Instead of trying to straighten up at home women should go into a sanitarium and be treated as they are for other diseases."

Dr. Bryson thinks that women are far more easily affected by stimulants and narcotics than men, because of their more sensitive nervous organism, and that on that account they are in greater danger from the drink habit than men.

She divides drinkers into three classes. Those who drink simply because they want to, accidental drinkers and those who get into the way of drinking because of illness. By accidental drinkers Dr. Bryson evidently does not mean those who are unaware of what they are doing, but those who take a glass now and then without previous plan or purpose.

SALOONS AT WORLD'S FAIR.

St. Louis Gin Mills Expect to Reap a Rich Harvest.

It is estimated by the St. Louis exposition commission that there will be 300 more saloons in St. Louis this year than there were in 1903. The increase, it is said, will be due largely to the

world's fair, during which the saloon keepers expect to reap a harvest. The number of licenses already issued is 2,450, more by 150 than were given out in the six months before January and July of last year. Estimating the population of St. Louis at 700,000, this gives the city one saloon to every fifty-four male citizens. The revenue which will be derived during 1904 in license taxes from saloons is \$1,430,000. Of this amount \$1,300,000 will go to the city and \$130,000 to the state.

The saloon business in St. Louis is almost entirely in the hands of the Germans and the Italians. Of the 2,450 saloons in the city only about 300 are owned by others than those two nationalities. In the last year several Greeks have engaged in the business. Out of the 2,450 saloons it is said the breweries control more than 2,000. The brewer pays the saloon keeper's license or rent and takes in return rebates on the beer sold.

Women In Pool Rooms.

Three pool rooms supported entirely by women were recently raided in New York by the police, and much surprise was occasioned by the revelations following. There are hundreds of women in New York who do nothing but follow the races. As a class they are a curious study. Usually they are women past thirty-five years of age. Once in awhile a girl joins their ranks, but she soon drops out. It seems to be with her nothing more than the satisfying of a desire for novelty, while to the woman who has just passed thirty it becomes a serious and steady business.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

To many a test of character is lodged in poverty.—Rev. Dr. Adams, Methodist, Brooklyn.

The Mission of Sorrow.

God brings unto us trials and sorrows in order that he may fit us for a higher life.—Rev. G. A. Snyder, Dutch Reformed, Hagerstown, Md.

Pilots For Christ.

When we shall stand in the light eternal we will find that the greatest act of our lives was to bring some erring one to Christ. If you are not a Christian you cannot point out the road.—Rev. Dr. Carson, Presbyterian, Brooklyn.

Filled With the Holy Ghost.

It appears to us clearly, vividly and in a most striking manner that if we ever hope to continue the great work of saving the world, as commenced in the church by Christ and his apostles, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit.—Rev. Dr. J. L. Cochran, Baptist, St. Louis.

Trust and Devotion.

The man who prays earnestly, trusts in God and loves him will manifest that love by devotion to his fellow men, and conversely the man who consecrates himself to his brother men will find the inspiration and motive for

this service in the love of God.—Bishop Talbot, Episcopalian, Washington.

Revelation and Immortality.

Revelation is explicit in respect to the necessity of preparing for immortality. The natural heart is not in the required state of preparation any more than a child has a matured mind. We must prepare for eternity by taking a course in the school of the great Teacher.—Rev. C. L. Palmer, Episcopalian, Kingston, N. Y.

Offenses Against God.

God counts as debts to him every wrong that is done to our fellow men. Every robbery of man is robbery of God. Every lie to man is a lie to God. He who injures his brother smites God. We cannot be righteous in the sight of God if we fail to do right to those with whom we have business relations.—Rev. Dr. Polemus H. Swift, Methodist, Chicago.

A Religion of Hope.

Christianity is the religion of hope to every man. It comes to speak to him and to tell him that he was not intended of God to live by bread alone—that he has within him an immortal spirit which, if it could be waked into some sort of life, would feed upon the higher and the better things of God's universe.—Rev. Jeremiah Cromer, Congregationalist, St. Louis.

The Guiding Star.

In the darkest night, except in storm, the trained eye can see the north star and without a compass keep the bearing of his ship across the stormy deep. And the regenerated heart, loving ardently, can see Jesus, who is a sun, and the bright morning star, and, without as much knowledge as some others think essential, pilot his way over life's billowy ocean, turbulent with successes and stormy with defeats.—Rev. Alvin W. Claxson, Baptist, St. Louis.

Mightiest Thing on Earth.

Righteousness is no fixed thing. At its lowest it is obedience to a standard imposed on us from without. As it grows it becomes heroic loyalty to an inward moral law. At its highest it is the passion to realize the glory and the strength which is our birthright. Then it is the mightiest thing on earth. The future of the church depends on this and on this alone. Ecclesiastical substitutes for righteousness cannot prevail forever.—Rev. W. H. Pulsford, Unitarian, Chicago.

The All Sufficiency of Love.

Love has no greater power than exhibited in the suffering of Christ. It must be sufficient, and woe unto the man who fails to feel its benign influence. The fact that death and the change to another life could bring about a reversion of character never seemed reasonable to me. We must accept the good and the beautiful of life while the opportunity is with us. I do not forget that God is infinite and boundless in his love, but I must not ask too much of it.—Rev. Bayard Craig, Christian, Denver.

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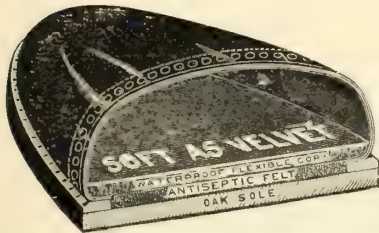
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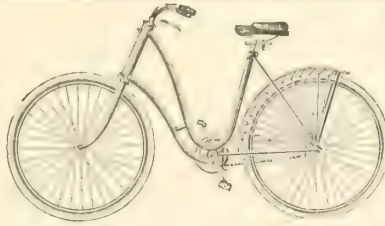
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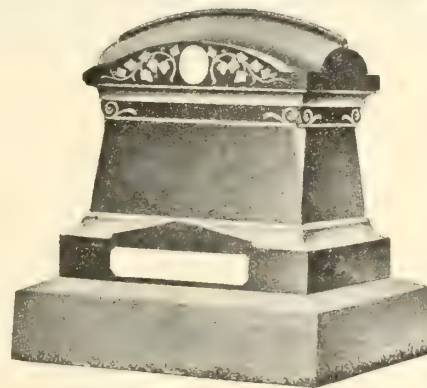
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its contents table. There are two salient features in the May issue, which, though serious in tone and treatment, are of so much importance to the world just now as to have an almost sensational interest. One is on the Great White Plague, Consumption; the second, the subject which the Methodist Church Conference is debating with so much ardor—the relation of Christianity to amusement: may the Christian dance, play cards, and attend the play? The ablest of American churchmen such men as Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop Greer, of New York, Dr. Parkhurst, Dr. Mac Arthur have contributed to a symposium opinions which, stating the attitude of the great denominations on the subject, are of the greatest value to all readers.

The Vanished Empire. By Waldo H. Dunn. 186 pages, 12 mo. Cincinnati: The Robert Clarke Co. Price \$1.50.

The so-called race of "Mound Build-

Church—Some Immediate Questions." "A Layman's Reflections on Music," contains many suggestive passages.

Japan To-Day. By James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D. 323 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.50.

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The foregoing is the statement of the publisher regarding this book, and it is a good characterization of the work. One will note in reading it that it aims to consider the essentials, the picturesque, the motives, rather than the manifold details that are requisite only in a text book. One may obtain a very clear idea of the people, a satisfactory conception of their character and much information of genuine and practical interest.

The illustrations, two of which are in

Women's Ways of Learning. By Cynthia Westover Alden. 278 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.00.

The "Woman's Home Library," under the general editorship of Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, is proving, as it grows, that it is of real practical value.

This volume just named, as the latest volume in that series of books, deals with a matter of vital importance to some women and of more or less interest to many others. As the definite suggestions and advice given have been weighed by Mrs. Alden's practical experience and wise judgment, it will be read with profit by every one who refers to it. A very full index gives additional value to the volume.

Kyrie Eleison—A Manual of Private Prayers. By H. J. Wotherspoon, M. A. 168 pages, 32 mo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press.

This is a dainty little volume designed for the use of those whose leisure is not



Typical Country Scene—a Tea Plantation

From "Japan To-Day."

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ers" seems to belong to a past so remote that it seems hard to endow them with human attributes, believing that they as a people and individually, were moved by the same impulses of love and hate, fear and envy, ambition and avarice.

The author has succeeded in giving a clear conception of this people, as very human men and women. At the same time he portrays, clearly and interestingly, the habits, customs and surroundings of the builders of those great earth works of Ohio, ten thousand of which remain in that state preserved to-day.

The story is not verbose, but concisely, adequately and interestingly carries out its purpose.

Essays for the Day. By Theodore H. Munger. 227 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.00.

The practical value of these essays on religious and literary questions is marked and they will be read with profit. It is a satisfaction to share a pleasure by recommending especially the brilliant essay on "The Secret of Horace Bushnell," and an equally strong talk on "The

color from pictures by native artists, are very good and chosen with a definite purpose.

The Bright Face of Danger. By Robert Neilson Stephens. 322 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

There is so much of vivid exaggeration and the sensational that there is little chance to refer to literary excellences in connection with this romance, which, in a sense, is a sequel to the author's very popular "An Enemy to the King."

However one may stand for technical details, he will find himself thoroughly held by the rapid change of scene, the dramatic intensity and liveliness of interest of every page. The audacious idea of the hero of cutting off the mustache of his rival in love and setting forth with that laudable ambition before him, is laughable in itself, but develops more tragedy than comedy.

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great, whose morning devotions on most days must be short and whose midday prayer shorter still.

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Kindly Light. By Florence M. Kingsley. 107 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Co. Price 50 cents.

Though a small volume, this contains a story in two chapters, whose theme is inspired and sustained by the beautiful poem by Newman. It is a quaint and pretty story, which can also be said of the second part of the book, which is the story of "A June Bride."

With the sympathetic drawings by E. M. Nagel adding much to the book, it seems an excellent one for a gift book in any season.

The Wood Carver of 'Lympus. By Mary E. Waller. 311 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

The woodman, Hugh Armstrong, while at his work, is struck by a falling

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This is the main part of a large story involving many characters and several episodes. The reader has a good deal of him to see in the most efficient manner of telling. She is always ready to give her best more as an interesting one, notwithstanding.

Arcturion. By Mark Twain. 344 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

People seldom suffer romance. "She Sailed Alone" (Dylan's wife) was presented as the central character. The clear and distinct delineation of her personality made the book a noteworthy one.

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The Yeoman. By Charles Kennett Burrow. 305 pages, 12 mo. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.50.

Many readers will recall the author's "Patricia of the Hills" with pleasurable anticipations of this latest tale. It will pleasantly surprise them to note a marked increase of power, originality and human interest over the earlier book.

Such characters as "Richard Winstone" and "Dolly" are noteworthy and give a keener reality to the story than is found in most contemporary work. In regard to the plot, there is a trifle too much of the "old" that, however, is not the strongest part of the story, for eventually a deal is dealt with the best in human nature, and a story which ends so delicately and well cannot but have a healthy and happy influence.

The Widow's Mite, and Other Psychological Phenomena. By Isaac K. Funk. 128 pages, 8 vo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price \$2.00.

As we may suppose in the title "The Widow's Mite," one must have read a long time since some story about the coming of the prophet a year ago and around much interest. There is space here only to mention that it had to do with the coming of a last generation of the prophet and the "The Widow's Mite," which had belonged to the "The Widow's Mite" (though a spiritual medium it was said, Dr. Burrow's spirit had accurately designated the hiding place of the coin).

The curiosity aroused by this incident

caused Dr. Funk to promise an investigation and study of the matter. In the volume at hand some of the results of his inquiry is set down. Naturally the search opened a large field of investigation, many similar cases were found and efforts made to prove the authenticity of such stories, directly and through consultation with such men as Sir William Crookes, Alfred Russell Wallace, Prof. Rafter of Paris, Dr. Almon J. Savage, and others.

The Great Adventurer. By Robert Shackleton. 350 pages, 12 mo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

If this story proves a disappointment to the reader, it will be because the author presents a novel and important

The archaic speech of early Colonial times is often very wonderful as we read it in modern romances. It is seldom awkward to read, but one wonders why so plain and substantial a people as our forefathers were, could indulge in such flowery and indirect remarks. Now, after referring to this matter, one has a love story of two brave and high-spirited young people, who go through numberless scenes of dashing bravery and hair-breadth escapes from savage Indians, to enjoy

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When Wilderness Was King. By Randall Parrish. 388 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.50.

neys are valuable additions to a very good tale.

Free, Not Bound. By Katrina Trask. 268 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.10.

The tragedy of misunderstandings is the subject of many stories, and there is nothing more pitiful than the trivial quibbling in the minds of two proud persons.

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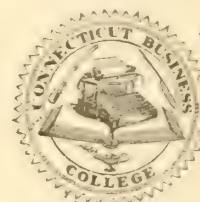
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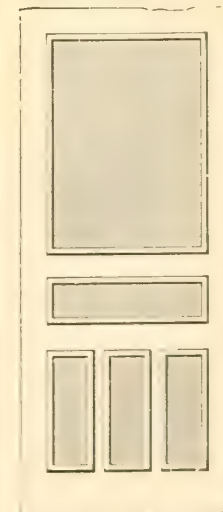
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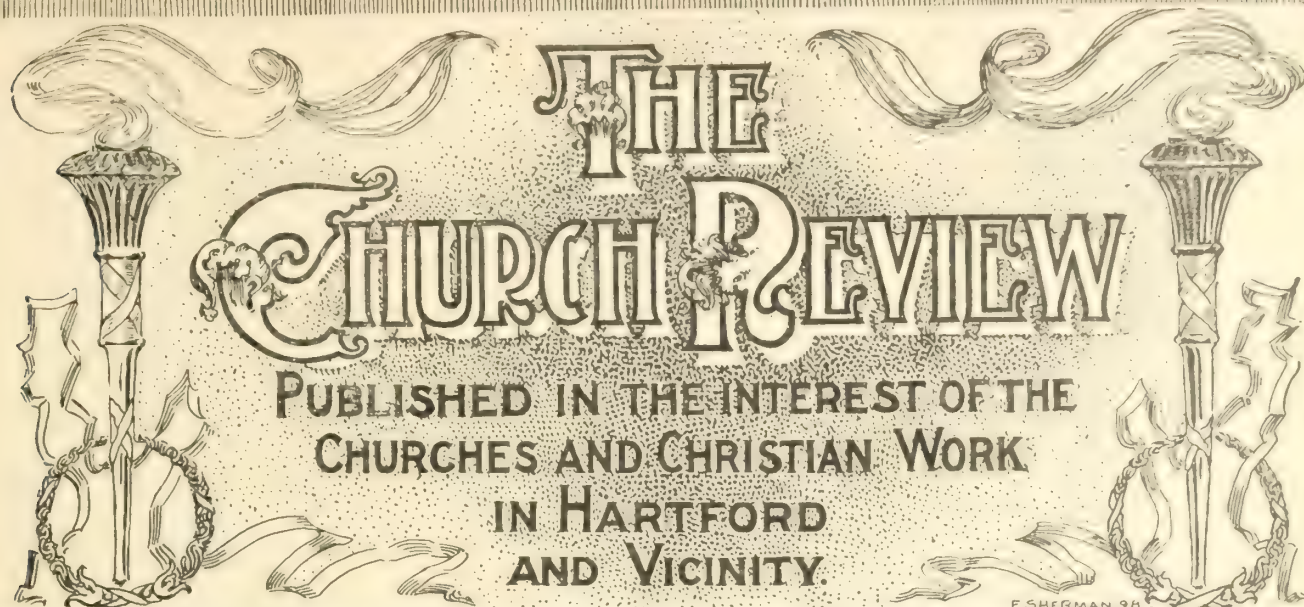
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not;
When night no more, no more may vigil
keep,
And love's brief noon is but a dream
forgot,
Back to the Past, its sad and variant
ways,
Be Thou the warder of my yesterdays.

Amid the paths long lost or sought too
late,
Where waywardness hath wandered,
love been blind,
If there be one that lieth clear and
straight,
Unseen, perchance forgot, Thou
mayest find
Even in that perverse, perplexing maze,
A white thread shining 'mid my yester-
days.

So oft hath love's torch wavered, love's
feet failed,
Were the vain reckoning mine, 'twere
but to weep.
Blind thou the sight by memory assailed
When, at the last, I lay me down to
sleep.
And through Time's deep and labyrin-
thine ways
Crown Thou some moment of my yester-
days.

—Virginia Woodward Cloud.

SOME TESTIMONIES OF ARCHE- OLOGY CONCERNING THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE.

By REV. WILLIAM H. MAIN.

During the last half century history has jumped backward to at least 4,000 years before Christ. The Old Testament is not very old for we now know that Abraham and Moses belong to a comparatively recent age. They were preceded many centuries by highly civilized and cultured races. Recent discoveries show that writing is much older than we had believed. If the oldest portion of the Old Testament was written 1,200 years B. C., then it was 3,000 years younger than the oldest records of

Egyptian history. "Can there be books older than the Old Testament?" some one may ask. Yes, and we see the evidence cut in the hardest of rocks. The Egyptian exploration fund alone has published more than a dozen volumes descriptive of the finds of its excavators. We find not only evidence of the greatness of this old civilization, but also much that establishes the accuracy of the records of the Old Testament.

The Egyptians had several thousand pictorial signs, but they were without alphabetical order. The Babylonian writing also was syllabic instead of alphabetical. Languages of this kind are called Cuneiform. This writing was used long before the Israelitic conquest of Palestine and was the official mode of communication between governors in Syria to the court of Egypt. It is possible and probable that Moses wrote in this style.

The materials used for writing varied. Among the Babylonians, clay tablets were used, being stamped while moist with a die, and then baked to harden them. We see the providence of God in this, for almost any other material would have perished, and thus the past be lost to us. Discoveries at Tel-Amarna show that the Egyptians used the same language for official correspondence and also the same kind of clay tablets. In Egypt, large quantities of broken pottery have been found written on with a brush, in most cases being receipts for taxes paid. In Greece and Rome, wooden tablets covered with wax, were used. Prepared leather was also used, especially among the Jews, who made copies of the law on leather. Among the first of writing paper we may place papyrus and from the Greek rendering of this word "biblia" we get the word "Bible." The papyri rolls are of very remote antiquity, some being as old as 2000 B. C. Written on this material are works of history, poems, works of fiction, the examination of a conspiracy in the palace of Rameses II; then there are works on plants and on medical subjects. Under the Ptolemies, it is said that there were libraries containing as many as 700,000 rolls of papyri. Pompeii and Herculaneum also

had papyri rolls showing the arrangement of a Roman library.

The oldest known Hebrew writings are on the Moabite Stone, and the Siloam Inscription. The Moabite Stone was found in 1868 and not only does it show the oldest styles of Hebrew writing, but it supplements the records of 2d Kings 3. The stone was two feet wide by four feet high, and more than a foot in thickness. Before it could be sent to the Louvre, it had to be broken into pieces, because of the large price offered, the natives built a fire under the stone, and when it was hot, poured cold water on it, breaking it in pieces which they divided among themselves as charms. Most of the broken pieces were afterward recovered, and from a paper impression taken before, they were enabled to put the stone together. The restored stone is in the Louvre, in Paris. The record on this stone confirms much of the history of Omri, Ahab, Jehoram and Jehoshaphat. In 850 B. C. King Mesha, to commemorate deliverance from the yoke of Israel had this monument erected. This old stone shows us also that Moab, 900 B. C., was not a barbarous, but a civilized land. The other ancient Hebrew writing mentioned was the Siloam Inscription. No site in Palestine is more surely identified than the Pool of Siloam. The pool is supplied from the Fountain of the Virgin, some hundreds of yards away. This stream has been flowing into Jerusalem for more than 2600 years. Of it the Psalmist sang, saying: "There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High." As they were carrying water from this Pool of Siloam, to pour out on the altar, Jesus said: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." The tunnel through which the water comes was hewn through the living rock. From the fountain to the pool is 1708 feet. It is not straight, for men began at either end, and did not quite meet in a straight line at the middle. In 2d Kings 20:20, we learn that Hezekiah "made a pool, and a conduit and brought water into the city."

In 1880, a boy, playing with stones at the Pool of Siloam, fell into the water, and from the water, looking up, he saw

the stones of Sodom, set and in the rocks wall. It was an inscription telling of the founding of the temple, and explained why the conduit was so sacred. This inscription was the oldest known Hebrew writing.

The books of the Bible are colored by the country in which they were written. The Old Testament is colored by Egyptian life and thought, the New Testament is colored by Greek and Roman life and thought. Back to Genesis we find an Oriental influence everywhere. It is hard to fit Abraham into these times, but when we know something of the times in which he lived we more easily understand his character. We find in him the beginnings of many things spoken of in Scripture. The name Hebrew was first given to Abraham, by the Canaanites, because he had come from beyond the Euphrates. We now know much of the influences that surrounded his early life. One of the Chaldees was a splendid and flourishing city 4,000 years ago. Arts and sciences were studied; astronomers watched the heavens; poets composed

hymns; scribes stamped books on clay tablets, many of which are being read to-day. All large cities had libraries, comprising works of history and science. In the British Museum is a book of this time, divided into 72 divisions, the title being "The Observations of Balaam." I used to think that there were very few people on the earth at this time except Abraham and his family and servants, and that he came from a sort of nowhere, but we now know that in Abraham's time Ur was in her glory. There were three structures of great size, besides a temple tower, very tall, dedicated to the moon. This tower was on a platform of brick 20 feet high, and from this great height the oldest astronomer of the world studied the stars for the guidance of the king and people. How old Ur of the Chaldees is, it is impossible to state, for we are assured that the civilization of old China was derived from Western Asia. Thus we find that Abraham lived in no rude or primitive country. The homes were not huts, but brick houses, painted outside in fanciful designs; with thick walls to keep out the heat. Around the houses trees had been planted, making cool

limes, the seats of a little grove. The dead were buried with great care, the people believing in the immortality of the soul, and in the resurrection of the body. Discovered tablets show the skill of the engraver, and the stonecutter, for an arm chair is pictured, having hind legs carved into the form of the legs of a deer. The tablets reveal also that the women wore dresses flounced and embroidered, showing textile manufactures. In tombs there have been found tasselled cushions of tapestry. Sun dials marked the hours of the day, which were divided as now.

We wonder why the children of Israel so readily fell into idolatry,—but, when we study Egypt we can understand it. It was inbred in their lives. For more than 400 years they had been influenced by their peculiar surroundings. They had seen thousands of gods, and somehow, the golden calf seemed more real to them than the invisible God. They had even seen men worshipped, for the Pharaohs claimed to be descendants from gods. The wonder is, that the He-

other sparkling things. Carved lions formed the bases of the thrones, the back representing the bent forms of four captives. Thick carpets covered the floor of the hall, and over the heads of the guests hung a thousand lamps in the shape of trumpets and lilies. As the king entered, roses were strewn before him. The banquet hall was in keeping with all this splendor. Hundreds of slaves hurried to and fro with vessels richly wrought in gold and silver, and large dishes were brought into the hall on obelisks. Harps, an unnumbered number, made music, a cloud of incense came from an altar, and children perched in the pillars, threw roses at the guests. What new light all this throws on the life of Moses.

One hundred years ago the Bible stood alone, not a single contemporary document being known. The Bible said that Nineveh was a great city in Assyria, but no other of it could be found. But we can now trace the history of Assyria back 2,000 years B. C. and up to the



Bird's-Eye View of Montreal, from Tower of Notre Dame.

hymns; scribes stamped books on clay tablets, many of which are being read to-day. All large cities had libraries, comprising works of history and science. In the British Museum is a book of this time, divided into 72 divisions, the title being "The Observations of Balaam." I used to think that there were very few people on the earth at this time except Abraham and his family and servants, and that he came from a sort of nowhere, but we now know that in Abraham's time Ur was in her glory. There were three structures of great size, besides a temple tower, very tall, dedicated to the moon. This tower was on a platform of brick 20 feet high, and from this great height the oldest astronomer of the world studied the stars for the guidance of the king and people. How old Ur of the Chaldees is, it is impossible to state, for we are assured that the civilization of old China was derived from Western Asia. Thus we find that Abraham lived in no rude or primitive country. The homes were not huts, but brick houses, painted outside in fanciful designs; with thick walls to keep out the heat. Around the houses trees had been planted, making cool

brews were as good as they were. How much better we can understand the life of Moses if we know something of his environment. He was reared amidst great splendor. Ebers has found it possible to describe the palace. It was on the bank of the Nile surrounded by gardens, through which flowed canals. The woodwork was elegantly carved; the walls blazed with many colors. From the inscriptions on the monuments Ebers has been enabled to describe some of the gorgeous rooms. The carpets were of blue and red made in Damascus; the thrones and couches were embroidered with feathers, and were of great beauty. The other side were made of ebony and ivory, finely carved; plants were artistically arranged, and on beautiful obelisks were saucers of incense which filled the room with perfume. The banquet hall was large, the ceiling being painted blue and sprinkled with stars to represent the heavens. The pillars represented date palms, and the cedars of Lebanon, the leaves being of colored resin, and one long from pillar to pillar across the hall, making a canopy for the King's throne, in the shape being made of pearl, mica and

fall of Nineveh. This is not only a general history, but a history of detail, the number of inscriptions found making possible an uninterrupted record for centuries. Much of the credit of these discoveries must be given to an Englishman, Austin Henry Layard, who died in 1894. Another man, however, Claudius James Rich, first discovered the ruins of Nineveh. In 1820, Rich determined thoroughly to examine the mounds on the bank of the Tigris, the result being published in 1836, shortly after his death. The remains of sculptures and inscriptions brought by him to Europe, formed the basis of the splendid collection in the British Museum. A Frenchman, P. E. Botta, in 1843-45, excavated just north of Nineveh, and Layard worked at Nimrod, and these excavations brought to light a whole series of Assyrian palaces, with a great number of sculptures and inscriptions which had been buried for 2500 years. Botta had the good fortune to lay bare the first Assyrian palace, which had been built by King Sargon. It covered an area of more than 25 acres, and was probably the most magnificent palace in the world. It was enclosed by a high

wall, which had two gates on each side. Traces of small lakes were also found. Up to this time, the only mention of Sargon was in the Old Testament, and by many he was regarded as a mythical character. Layard soon unearthed five other great palaces, and a great number of clay tablets upon which was written the history of Assyria. These tablets are not unlike an ordinary brick, while some of them are cylinder in shape. Upon such tablets have been found legends of the Creation, the Fall of Man, and the Deluge. There is a group of figures, and in the center of the group is a tree from which hangs some fruit. On one side of the tree is a man, on the other side, a woman. Behind the woman, with its head near hers, is a serpent. This is a very old cylinder, representing the Babylonian tradition of the fall of man.

Next to the Bible account of the flood, the Babylonian account is best. The Deluge tablet was translated in 1872. The lines which describe the building of the ship, however, are badly broken. The whole tablet contained 185 lines. Now how can we account for the similarity of these traditions with the account in Genesis? The cylinder referred to belongs to a very early day of the Chaldean empire. Nor is this the only tradition. An old Greek legend practically covers the same ground. In India a like tradition is found, and the Egyptians speak of a time when the whole earth was covered with blood, and the greater part of mankind was destroyed. The god drank 7,000 cups of wine, mixed with blood, and was so happy that he promised never again to destroy man. In



Old Tower, a Relief from Nineveh

kiah, King of Judah, would not submit to my yoke, I came up against him and by force of arms and by the might of my power I took 46 of his fenced cities, and of the smaller towns which were scattered about, I took and plundered a countless number. And from these places I captured and carried off, as spoils, 200,150 people, old and young, male and female, together with horses, mares, asses, camels, oxen and sheep—a countless multitude.

"And Hezekiah himself I shut up in Jerusalem, his capital city, like a bird in a cage. . . . Then upon this Hezekiah, there fell the fear of the power of my arms, and he sent out to

talents of silver and 30 talents of gold. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off (the gold from) the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the pillars, which Hezekiah, King of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the King of Assyria."

In 1854 another great palace was unearthed, and another portion of this same library discovered. For some years after this, excavations ceased, but again in 1873 and '74 work was resumed in Nineveh. Later the temple of Nimroud was discovered, it having a bronze gateway, with sculptures dating back nine centuries B. C., where were found 1,400 more tablets, belonging to the king's library. The University of Pennsylvania alone possesses about 32,000 cuneiform tablets, many dating back 2800 years B. C. Most of the early rulers known to us, and 14 whose names were lost, have been restored to history. We now know much of the Semitic race even as far back as 3800 B. C. Perhaps a love letter written several centuries B. C. will be of interest. It is written on clay tablets and is as follows:

"To Bit-e-ya from Gimil-Marduk. May Sha-Mash and Marduk allow thee, for my sake, to live forever. I write this in order to inquire after thy health. Let me know how it goes with thee. I am now settled in Babylon, and, because I have not seen thee, I am in great anxiety. Send me news when thou wilt come, that I may rejoice at it. Mayest thou, for my sake, live forever." These modern discoveries also show that Babylonian art, 4000 B. C., had a neatness and



The Steamer "America" Shooting the Lachine Rapids.

Mexico have been found rude paintings, representing the Deluge, and among the Cree Indians, in the Arctic circle, a similar legend is found. Even in the islands of the southern ocean you will find the same story. If the flood were not a fact, how account for this almost universal tradition?

The flood occurred early in the history of the race, before men were so widely scattered, and we believe all of these traditions come from the one source. Scholars now agree that their likeness comes from a common inheritance, each handing down to his line, from age to age, the history of the early race. Of course errors crept in, and when God would give to the world a Bible, he chose men, who, by the direction of the Spirit, could take the true and leave the false. The true account is the account in Genesis. But let us look at some more tablets. One inscription reads as follows: "Because Heze-

me the chiefs and the elders of Jerusalem with 30 talents of gold, 800 talents of silver and divers treasures, a rich and immense booty. . . . All these things were brought to me at Nineveh, the seat of my government, Hezekiah having sent them by way of tribute, and as a token of submission to my power."

This inscription was made by King Sennacherib, and refers to his campaign against Palestine. For centuries, this confirmation of the Bible slumbered in the ground, and all this time the account was unsupported. We find in Second Kings, the following: "Now in the fourth year of King Hezekiah did Sennacherib, King of Assyria, come up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them. And Hezekiah, King of Judah, sent to the King of Assyria to Lachish, saying: 'I have offended; return from me; that which thou putteth on me I will bear.' And the King of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah 300

lineness of work, far beyond a later period. The farther back we go, the higher seems to have been the civilization. Doubtless the question has arisen in your minds as to how these tablets can be read. For a long time it was an unsolved mystery, and it was only after much shrewd guessing that the secret was revealed.

A young Englishman, whose name was Rawlinson, an officer in the Persian army, in 1835 found on the side of a mountain a bas-relief representing a king, before whom stood a line of captives, bound neck to neck with a rope. Near this were several columns of cuneiform inscriptions. With a ladder, resting on a 14-inch ledge, 350 feet above the ground, Rawlinson made a copy of the writing. In these inscriptions, after long study, he found the key, and translated the writing, and the past was compelled to give up its secrets. Soon scholars began to read the tablets, but

not believe that a language had been discovered. To test the matter, four men were given the photographic copies of the inscriptions, and each was to work alone, and find the meaning, with the others. At a given date they brought in their work, and their translations agreed from beginning to end with very little mistake. The ancient language had been discovered. Scholars read this tongue.



Monument to DeMaisonneuve

with the American and Europe, special college chairs for its study have been established. During the past fifty years, six times as much cuneiform literature has been discovered as is contained in the Hebrew of the Old Testament. The British Museum has more than 30,000 tablets to be translated. The time covered is from 5000 B. C. down to 100 B. C. So far, in the investigation, not a single historical discovery has cast doubt upon the truthfulness of the statement of the Old Testament.

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A CITY OF HISTORY AND ROMANCE

By GUY MORRISON WALKER.

Rich in historic interest and romantic atmosphere, Montreal is continually growing in attraction to the American tourist, who seeks the spots connected with the discovery and founding of our country.

Long before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Mass., and twenty years before the founding of Jamestown, Cartier, crossing the St. Lawrence River to the Indian village of Hochelaga, the present site of Montreal, and finding the friendly natives to the westward, he was told that he had responded to the magnificent panorama of the city of Montreal, or the "Regal City." He had seen the city, the great city of the future, the city that came the murmur of rushing waters from the great Lake of the Rapids. The Frenchman believed, lay the route to China. In the river before him lay the

beautiful island of St. Helen, while far away to his left, through blue, distant mountains, the great river he had just ascended flowed on to the sea.

All in all, it is doubtful whether in beauty of location, in natural advantages and strategic importance, the city of Montreal is surpassed by any other city of the world. From Montreal's harbor, the farthest inland of any on the continent, the greatest ocean ships float their cargoes across the Atlantic. It is the metropolis of Canada, and in financial resources one of the strongest cities in America.

Although discovered and named by Cartier, in 1535, Montreal was not permanently settled until 1641, by De Maisonneuve, a man of lion heart, knightly bearing, and great religious fervor. Champlain had established a trading post upon the site in 1601, but not until the coming of De Maisonneuve, who established the seminary of St. Sulpice, which is now to be seen in the rear of the old church of Notre Dame, was Montreal really founded.

In a little park, called the Place de Armes, between the great Cathedral of Notre Dame and the magnificent modern building of the Bank of Montreal, stands a monument to this great Frenchman upon the very spot where, in 1643, he had a terrible hand-to-hand fight with the Iroquois Indians and came out victorious.

The marketplace, named after Jaques Cartier, the discoverer of Mont Real, is one of the most interesting places in the city. Surrounded by old buildings, covered with signs in both French and English, it is thronged with French-Canadian countrymen who keep up in the present time the old customs of their ancestors and carry on their trade with an amount of argument and noise which reminds an American of the confusion of tongues. Just above the market stands the famous old Chateau de Ramazay, built in 1705, and long the residence of the French governors of Montreal.

The great landmark in Montreal is, however, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, which, next to the famous cathedral in the City of Mexico, is the largest church building in America, and has a seating capacity of 12,000. The church was built in 1829, and is noted for its mag-

nificent chimes, one of the bells of which, called "Le Gros Bourdon" is one of the largest suspended bells in the world, and weighs 24,780 lbs.

Near by is the old Gray Nunnery, built in the year 1737, which is one of the most interesting institutions of its kind in the world.

No trip to Montreal would be complete without a ride along the Lachine road to the rapids, past the old windmill built over two hundred and fifty years ago, past the old house built by La Salle, and where he lived for years before making his famous expedition west to the Mississippi, and down its broad waters to the Gulf of Mexico. Here on the spot where, in 1689, the Iroquois Indians tortured to death over three hundred and fifty settlers, you catch a steamer for a wild ride back through the rapids, to the city.

Montreal was attacked in 1775 by Ethan Allen, with two hundred Vermonters, but his forces being too small to attempt to capture the city, he simply took possession of some houses in the suburbs, where the next day he was surrounded and compelled to surrender, and he and his men were sent as prisoners to England. The ruins of the house which Allen held are still to be seen. Later, the city was captured by General Montgomery; and Benjamin Franklin with one of the Carrolls, of Carrollton, spent the winter in Montreal attempting to persuade the Canadians to join in the American rebellion, and it is interesting to note that, although the French government was aiding the colonies in their fight against Great Britain, it was the French Catholic clergy of Canada that defeated Franklin and Carroll in their efforts, although Canada had itself but recently been wrested by the English from the French. It was this action of the French clergy, for some purpose of their own, that left Canada a British colony, and prevented the colonies from becoming the United States of North America. The Montreal Gazette, a leading daily paper in Montreal to-day, was founded by the Americans during their occupation of the city, to further their cause.

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The Famous Gray Nunnery of Montreal.



WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The parish house is nearly completed and the Sunday-school expects to go into it soon.

Patriotic services in connection with Memorial Day were observed. At one of the evening meetings a historical lecture was given by Professor Phylfe of the high school, and patriotic services were also held on the evening of Decoration Day.

The teachers' tea was held last Thursday evening, after which, Professor Beardslee met his class, the last one of the season. The Sunday-school teachers expect to have the benefit of Professor Beardslee's instruction another season.

During the summer months the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will hold its meetings Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in place of Monday evening, this service being the only Sunday evening service of the church.

The Windsor Avenue Choral Club gave a strawberry supper and ice cream sale Friday evening, May 27. A musical and literary entertainment was also given in connection with it.

Mr. H. E. B. Case of the seminary, took charge of the last missionary meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, telling about the missionary work in the Island of Guam, which he expects to take up.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The regular business meeting of the Epworth League was held June 1, at the home of the president, Mr. G. W. Butler, on Seymour street. After the business was transacted a "book social," under the auspices of the social committee, was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Wednesday evening, June 8, a stereopticon lecture will be given in Boardman Memorial chapel, under the auspices of the Epworth League. The lecture is for the benefit of the Fresh Air Fund of the People's Home church, Lower East Side, New York city.

The monthly "teachers' tea," will be held in the chapel, Tuesday evening, June 7, followed by the regular weekly meeting of the Sunday-school officers and teachers.

Mrs. Jefferson Young, an esteemed member of our church, died May 27, and the funeral was held Sunday afternoon, May 29.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

A meeting held on May 10 was well attended. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Forbes, as Miss M. J. Halstead was unavoidably absent.

The address was given by Mrs. M. P. Conley of Willimantic, who is superintendent of press work.

"The Power of the Press in Temperance Work" was the title of a very interesting and instructive paper.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. Philip C. Walcott has been regularly installed as assistant pastor. Mr. Walcott will be in the pastor's study, in the parish house, every morning from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Mr. Charles H. Tracy, who was ordained in this church last month, preached his first sermon since the ordination here last Sunday.

FIRST METHODIST.

Special services were held at the church from May 8, to May 19, afternoon and evening. The pastor, Dr. McCormick, was assisted by the following pastors: Rev. Prof. M. W. Jacobus, D. D., Rev. B. B. Brown, Parkville; Rev. A. H. Goodenough, Bristol; Rev. J. A. Macmillan; Rev. E. DeF. Miel and Rev. U. B. Scranton.

An entertainment and sale was given at the Chapter House, on Prospect Ave., Wednesday evening, June 8, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Miss Eleanor Newell, a teacher in the Sunday-school, is expected home from Paris this week.

June 12th will be observed as "Children's Day," with appropriate exercises by the Sunday-school.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

To accommodate the pupils of the Chinese Sunday-school, the sessions will hereafter be held in City Mission building, 234 Pearl street, at 4 p. m.

Mr. H. W. Alden, who has been quite ill, is recovering rapidly.

The Sunday-school will hold its annual picnic Saturday, June 10, by having a sail down the river.

Children's Sunday will be observed next Sunday, at 4 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

On Sunday, May 29, Dr. Adams exchanged pulpits with the Rev. E. P. Parker of the South Congregational church. Dr. Parker preached an excellent sermon appropriate to memorial Sunday.

The meeting of the Y. P. C. U., on May 29, was of a patriotic character, the subject, "Self Sacrifice for the Good of Others," being particularly fitting.

Mr. William F. Hilton, chaplain, Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., gave a very interesting talk on the subject, bringing in a number of personal reminiscences of war times, he having served during the entire war.

There were also short talks by Grand Army veterans who are members of the church.

Sunday, June 12, will be observed as Children's Sunday, and the Sunday-school will attend the morning service in a body. The regular session of the school will be omitted on that day.

Sunday, June 5, two special musical selections were rendered by a double quartet of young ladies, which were very pleasing and were thoroughly enjoyed, coming as a surprise to a great many. The selections were "The Lost Chord" and "I am a Pilgrim."

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Sunday, May 28, after the 5 o'clock evening service, Miss Mary Jones, of the Hartford Social Settlement, gave an address touching on her work among the young people of North street and vicinity.

On Sunday, June 5, Mrs. Roots spoke on her missionary work in China. Much interest was shown in both addresses and the attendance was very good.

Many of the ladies of the church were interested in the June festival held on the village green and contributed generously to its success.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At a special business meeting called May 26, it was voted that we install our pastor, Rev. Mr. Erickson.

Our pastor proposed a plan for a Rally Day, for one of our Friday evening socials, to try and draw in those not ordinarily coming, which plan was adopted.

The church voted to present a Bible to each one baptized. A number of children are expected to be baptized Children's Day.

Mr. M. J. Riga, superintendent of the Sunday-school, has started plans for our picnic, to be held soon.

The Endeavor Society has a plan for increasing the membership of the society. The society being divided, each half is to try for the largest number of members.

Miss Bessie Noble has gone to Pittsfield, Mass., for the summer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., rector of All Souls' parish, New York, preached for us on Whitsunday night, May 22. Dr. McConnell is well known as one of the able preachers of the day and is besides the author of several well known books. His address was thoroughly enjoyed.

Fannie White Strong, assisted by the Knights of Temperance, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the Girls' Friendly Society, at Ives Hall, Friday evening, May 27.

Miss Strong is well and favorably known as an elocutionist, and she arranged a very pleasant entertainment for the evening. She was greeted by a large audience.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Sunday, June 12, is to be observed as Children's Day in our Sunday-school. Special arrangements for an interesting service are being made.

Our annual Sunday-school picnic will be held about the last of this month, though it has not yet been decided where we shall go.

The pastor's family are at his Maine camp for the summer. Mr. Pattison takes his vacation, beginning July 18, when he also goes to "Runway Camp." The list of preachers to occupy the pulpit during the summer will be completed soon.

On Wednesday evening, June 1, a very interesting social and entertainment was given by the Young People's Association. The rain prevented a large number from attending, but it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were present. Instrumental music was furnished by the Ideal Mandolin Club, vocal music by

members of our choir and readings by Miss Clara Georgia.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

On a recent Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Pattison gave an interesting talk on foreign missions at our Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.

The Ladies' Dorcas Society gave an entertainment entitled "Aunt Jerusha," at the Grange Hall in Wethersfield, recently. A large audience enjoyed it. The Wethersfield Baptist society assisted in making it a success.

"Patriotism" was the subject of a sermon by Rev. J. B. Connell in the chapel on Sunday evening, May 29. It was a stirring appeal to the spirit of patriotism in all its phases and it aroused great interest and enthusiasm.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

A praise service was held on May 22. Toplady's hymns were spoken of and the choir sang his greatest hymn, "Rock of Ages."

The Church Aid and Episcopal Guild gave two plays, "Hans von Smash," and "Who Shall Inherit?" Ice cream and cake were served after the entertainment. About \$50 was cleared, to be divided equally between the two societies.

May 29, Rev. Mr. Macy gave a Memorial Day address and the choir sang patriotic hymns. Rev. Mr. Clark of Wethersfield exchanged with our pastor at the morning service.

Letters have been received from Mrs. Ussher of Van, Turkey, Mr. Roberts of Kaigan, China, and Mrs. Anna Richardson, Marshallville, China, thanking us for contributions.

Several of the classes are taking shares in the new "Morning Star," recently purchased by the American Board.

Three faithful members of our church have died within a few weeks: Mrs. Laura Kellogg, Mr. Levi Deming and Mrs. Sophia Tracy. Mr. Deming was not a member at the time of his death, but was formerly Superintendent in the Sunday-school. These earnest members will be much missed. Last month Deacon Roger Welles, for many years teacher of the Bible Class, passed on to his reward. His faithful attendance at church and Sunday-school was a great inspiration to all. Our church has received a severe blow in these many deaths.

An Italian pastor from Hartford is to address the W. C. T. U. on Thursday, June 9, at 3 p. m.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

On Saturday morning, May 28, Charlotte Rebena Hatch, a member of our Sunday-school, passed away, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

At the Thursday evening meetings, the pastor talks about the grand old hymns of the church.

May 22, Rev. Oliver Hart Bronson of Simsbury preached in our church.

At the meeting of the Burton Literary Society, June 10, there will be a social good time, it being the last meeting of the season.

Our pastor was one of the speakers

at the Yale Divinity School anniversary on Tuesday, May 31. His topic was "The Meaning of the Incarnation as the Revelation of What Man May Be."

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our members and many others saw the first baptism in the church, last Sabbath. Five young people went down into the water and were baptized by Rev. Mr. Connell, and were welcomed to our membership with others.

The Sabbath evening conference was led last week by Mr. Dailey of Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Connell and their two sons united with our church by letter.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

St. Mary's Guild gave a very attractive entertainment to a large audience on Thursday, June 2.

The Penny-a-day Society held their picnic at Laurel Park on Friday, June 10.

The Sunday-school picnic will be held at White Oak Grove on Thursday, June 30.

UNITY CHURCH.

On Sunday, May 22, on account of the indisposition of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Waite, he made a short address on "Kindness." The choir was assisted by Charles Fisher, violinist, and the musical program extended and very much enjoyed.

On the preceding Monday, Mr. Waite met with an accident. In getting out of a trolley car his foot caught and he fell to the ground, breaking his right thumb. As it is a clean fracture, it is hoped no serious results will follow, though he will not be able to use his hand for several weeks.

On May 29, Rev. Mr. Stevens of Lexington, Mass., preached. He gave an exceedingly interesting sermon on the "Religion of Manhood." On the evening of May 31, a supper and sale was given in the church parlors by the members of the sewing-circle, under the management of Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Lester.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

A season of successful teachers' meetings was brought to a close on Tuesday, May 31. The subject for the evening was "Our Teachers' Meeting." "How It Came to Be," was an historical presentation of the early infrequent gatherings which led up to our present plan, given by Miss Eliza F. Mix. "What It Has Come To Be," was the topic for Mr. H. D. Tracy. We were told that our meetings served a threefold purpose,—social fellowship, study and lesson work, seeing and solving Sunday-school problems. "What It Ought To Be," was given by Mr. S. P. Davis and Miss Ada M. Stearns. A general discussion followed. The average weekly attendance for the season was twenty-six.

The evening of May 17 will be long remembered by all who heard Rev. J. H. Twitchell, as he gave us in his delightful manner, some reminiscences of Prof. Curtis E. Stowe and Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The season of the industrial work was brought to a happy ending by the evening devoted to the sewing and

cooking classes, as they entertained their friends on May 27.

Four of our teachers entertained their classes with a supper, followed by a social, at the chapel, June 3. The teachers were Miss Eliza F. Mix, Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb, Mrs. Hubert D. Tracy and Mr. J. Wesley Rommel.

The choir, assisted by Mr. Edward B. Benedict, will give a cantata, "The Queen's Surprise," at the chapel, Tuesday, June 7. The proceeds will go to the Improvement Fund.

The kindergarten will have a party Wednesday, June 8, in honor of the birthday of Miss Louise M. Lee, the founder of our kindergarten.

After our special service at the chapel on Children's Sunday, our school will unite with the church Sunday-school for a floral vesper service in the church at half-past three.

The teachers and parents will meet for a social at the chapel, Tuesday evening, June 14.

The Sunday-school will go for its annual outing and picnic to Laurel Park, June 30.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Our superintendent, Mr. Agard, who has been ill with the grippe for the past month, is able to be with us again. He has been missed greatly in our meetings and we are all glad to have him with us again.

We are endeavoring to raise the money for our coal the coming winter. Envelopes containing printed slips are given to each child in the Sunday-school to be returned on Children's Sunday.

A number of new classes have been added to our school the past month.

The Sunday evening services have been made interesting by the speakers who have so kindly assisted us. The last of these service will be held June 29, when they will be closed for the summer.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The ladies served the last tea of the season on Wednesday evening at 5.30.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon and wife are enjoying a ten days' vacation at Pleasant Valley. During Mr. Sheldon's absence, Mr. Daniel Trowbridge occupies the pulpit both morning and evening.

Prof. Annis conducted the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, June 2.

Children's Day exercises will be given by the Sunday-school on Sunday morning, June 12, at 10.15.

Mr. William Roberts, of our church, has occupied the pulpit of the Windsor Locks M. E. church for the past two Sundays on account of the illness of the pastor, Rev. G. B. Thurston.

The 35th meeting of the Father Howson Young People's Union was held at Windsor Locks on Friday afternoon and evening, May 27. Three from our society attended the meeting.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The pastor of the church, Rev. W. W. Breckenridge, is delivering a series of sermons Sunday evenings on "Seven Great Characters in Presbyterian History." The subjects considered are as follows:

May 8, "St. Columba, the Apostle to Scotland;" May 15, "George Wishart, a Presbyterian Martyr;" May 22, "John

Knox and the Reformation;" May 29, "Andrew Melville, and the Divine Right of Presbytery;" June 5, "Thomas Chalmers and the Free Church of Scotland;" June 19, "Norman MacLeod, a Great Preacher."

The Junior Endeavor Society gave a very successful entertainment on the evening of May 6.

A social, complimentary to the choir and chorus of the church, was given in the parlors of the church on the evening of Friday, April 29.

The Junior Workers will give a lawn social at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott, 10 Holcomb street, on Friday evening, June 10. Ice cream, candy and fancy articles will be for sale and there will be music, games and a good time generally.

Children's Day will be observed in the church Sunday, June 12. The Sunday-school will render a special exercise, entitled "The Sun of Righteousness," at 4.30 in the afternoon.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

On Wednesday evening, May 25, a company of young men from St. James' church presented a very entertaining minstrel show. The entertainment was given in St. Thomas' parish hall, under the auspices of our Young People's Club. The players proved themselves capable and each man played his part as if he meant it, consequently the audience was kept in a constant roar of laughter. The Y. P. C. will have its next meeting Tuesday evening, June 7. There will be but one more meeting after this before they adjourn for the summer.

Our annual strawberry festival was given the following week and although the weather was very bad those who attended had a most delightful time.

Our church choir was vested for the first time last Sunday, June 5. The address, "Why We Vest Our Choir," was given by Rev. Henry Macbeth. Our rector also thanked the ladies of the church who so kindly and willingly gave of their time, which was a great sacrifice in most cases, toward the work of vesting the choir. The whole church feels very much indebted to these ladies.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We are rejoicing that our regret over the loss of our Sunday-school superintendent did not last long, as, after a little time for consideration, Mr. A. P. Sloan consented to resume his former position. His action has caused smiles to abound everywhere, and it will be a great relief to Mr. W. J. Pierce, who had kindly consented to officiate, but whose physical condition made it unwise for him to assume any additional responsibility.

The school has recently purchased a fine set of maps of the Holy Land, in its different periods; also a series of large colored pictures, illustrating the lessons for the children.

The annual meeting of the Christian Burden Bearers occurs at the church, Monday evening, July 11.

We would like all members to attend.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Sunday, May 15, Rev. P. C. Wright, of Norwich, occupied the pulpit, in exchange with the pastor, who preached in Norwich and addressed the anniversary meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

there. Beginning Sunday, May 22, our young people's meetings are held in the front vestibule of the church. These services are made largely praise services, with the assistance of a cornetist, in the hope of reaching some of the multitude of people who are constantly passing the door.

The pastor preached a sermon on "The Overdo Family," being the last in the series on "Home Sweet Home."

Sunday, May 29, two members were received into the church by baptism.

Sunday, June 5, the pastor begins a series of sermons on "Famous Hymns," as follows: June 5, "An Evening With Isaac Watts;" June 12, "An Evening With the Wesleys;" June 19, "Children's Day Exercises;" June 26, "The Joyful Message of Great Hymns." A chorus choir will lead the singing.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, to be held June 10, Rev. Antonio Roca will speak on Italian life and his work among the Italians of Hartford.

Eight members have been received into the church since our last report.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Our church united with the Congregational church in a memorial service, Sunday evening, May 29. Rev. G. L. Clark, the pastor, preached from Isaiah 2:4.

Mr. Chasey of Wesleyan, preached for us Sunday morning, June 5, and our pastor, Rev. J. M. Yard, preached in the evening.

We expect to hold our Children's Day concert, Sunday evening, June 19.

NORTH METHODIST.

Mr. A. S. Houghmaster's class gains new recruits every month and now is in a flourishing condition.

The social Monday evening, June 6, was a success, as the large number present testified.

The Willing Workers Society made a neat sum from the sale of refreshments Memorial Day.

The pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, preaches to St. John's Lodge of Masons the last Sunday in June.

Miss Dresser, Miss Harvey, Miss Wilcox and Miss Brainard, of the choir, took part in the exercises of "Ladies' Night," at St. John's Lodge of Masons, Wednesday evening, June 8.

Children's Day passed off pleasantly, and the exercises were well attended.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

A missionary meeting in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society was held in the chapel on Sunday evening, April 24. Mr. Augustine Deoji Ohol of Bombay, India, who is a student at the Theological Seminary, spoke on, "Do Missions in India pay?"

The Junior Auxiliary met at the Misses Hubbards' on Thursday afternoon, April 28. Miss Bartlett spoke on Hartford Settlement Work.

A very enjoyable parish social was held in the church parlors on Friday evening, April 29. Supper was served at 7 o'clock, after which, an excellent musical and literary program was rendered.

On Sunday evening, May 1, the first of a series of neighborhood prayer-meet-

ings was held in the school houses of the West and North districts.

Rev. Curtis M. Geer occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning, May 8, as our pastor was out of town.

Sunday, May 22, was observed as "Home Department Day." At the morning service, our pastor delivered an exceedingly forceful sermon on "Jesus and the Home in Bethany." At the exercises of the Bible school, an address was delivered by the Rev. Elliott F. Talmadge, secretary of the Connecticut Sunday-school Association. The lesson was taught to the entire school by Prof. C. M. Geer.

On Friday afternoon, May 27, the Junior Auxiliary Society met in the chapel, and packed a barrel of clothing for the Idaho Industrial Institute.

A Union Memorial service was held in the auditorium of the church on Sunday evening, May 29. Special music was rendered by the chorus choir, also solos by Mr. Turner and Mr. Fred Smith. Resident members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Company C, of the Fourth Regiment of the United Boys' Brigades of America, attended the service in a body. Rev. David D. Marsh delivered the memorial address.

The annual exhibition and prize drill of the Boys' Brigade will be held in the town hall, on Wednesday evening at 7.45.

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

The mission study class, under the leadership of Mr. Middlemas, who is now in West Hartford, will discontinue its meetings for the present.

Miss Carrie Hamilton, leader of the "In His Name" Circle of King's Daughters, has gone to Massachusetts to regain strength from a severe attack of grippé.

Miss Daisy Wilbur, the esteemed ex-secretary of the C. E. Society, has taken her letter, as has also her mother and grandmother, to the Olivet Baptist church. We regret losing them, but bid them Godspeed wherever the Lord calls.

At the last communion, three new members received the right hand of fellowship, one of them the son of Rev. Mr. Connell, former pastor of Olivet church.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The work for the needy women of our city is going on at the Shelter for Women. There have been twenty-six women and three children cared for during the past month. Situations have been found for a number. In the Home they are kept busy in the care of the house, repairing garments for the clothing bureau and making new ones. At present the flower garden is being cared for and we have recently had a number of shrubs set out. A lawn party was recently held and greatly enjoyed by those present.

The religious services continue to be of much interest, many people from various parts of the city coming in. A praying band takes charge of a service the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Two young girls were sent to us from the railroad station one Sunday. They had missed their train and had to wait until the next day to finish their journey. They were unable to speak our language. We cared for them and found some one to talk with them and started them on the right train the following day.

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SUMMER ASSEMBLIES.

In pleasing contrast to the general apathy which pervades most of our churches through the summer months, is noticeable the life and enthusiasm which is manifested at the many summer gatherings of Christian workers.

It is a comparatively new movement, yet one which has shown a steady and substantial growth. It is possible that it may wear out in time, but not very probable, if it holds true to its mission, which is a true one. Here congenial spirits gather and find material gain,—spiritually, mentally and physically. A dyspeptic is found here and there who sneers at these "religious picnics," though it may be what such a one needs most. But is there any reason under the canopy above, why a healthy religious life cannot be developed in the

woods, by the sea, or on the mountains, where these assemblies are usually held,—places, as a rule, highly favored by nature? If so, the evidence has not yet been produced. But abundant evidence there is, that the churches and Christian work in general receive a mighty stimulus from these gatherings. Pastors and laymen return filled with enthusiasm and new ideas, both of which are imparted in a measure to those who have stayed at home, or spent their vacation time entirely in diversion.

This year these assemblies are in greater evidence than ever; their programmes, while perhaps overloaded in some cases, are, as a rule, very attractive ones; they are well distributed, geographically, and will probably be more largely attended than ever. Some of them are as follows:

Northfield: A succession of Conferences throughout the season, June 11 to Sept. 12.

Orion, Mich.: Bible Conference, July 28, to Aug. 8.

Richfield Springs and Cooperstown, N. Y.: Vacation Conference of Church Workers (Episcopal), Aug. 4 to 14.

Pocono Pines: Conference of Brotherhood Andrew and Philip, July 1-6 and Bible Study Assembly, Aug. 11-26.

Cliff Haven, Lake Champlain, N. Y.: Summer Catholic school.

Winona Lake, Ind.: Assembly and Schools, July 3, to Aug. 31. Young People's Missionary Movement, July 17-26.

Lookout Mountain: Young People's Missionary Movement, July 1-10.

Silver Bay, Lake George: Young People's Missionary Movement, July 22-31.

Chautauqua Lake: Usual attractive summer programme.

Ocean Grove, N. J.: Usual camp meeting and other gatherings.

PILGRIMS FROM JERUSALEM.

The fourth World's Sunday-school Convention brought together, in the sacred city, pilgrims from every shore. To the large number who attended, it must have proved an exceedingly impressive occasion. Men and women of many nations and diverse tongues, gathered at the scenes of Christ's life and ministry,—representatives of the great host who seek to follow His leadership, live His life and partake of His redemption.

The returning delegates from America recently arrived at New York, their ship carrying at her peak the "Christian Conquest" flag, bearing the cross in red on a field of blue, and the words: "By this sign we conquer."

When all the delegates were enrolled at the beginning of the convention in Jerusalem on April 11 they numbered

1,526, from 25 countries, distributed as follows: United States, 701; Jerusalem, 377; England, 206; Palestine, 72; Canada, 63; Scotland, 31; Turkey in Asia, 19; Ireland, 11; Japan, 6; Wales, 5; India, 5; Mexico, 5; Bulgaria, 3; Egypt, 3; Russia, 1; Switzerland, 3; Denmark, 2; Turkey in Europe, 3; Australia, 2; West Indies, 2; Austria, 1; Germany, 1; Madeira, 1; South Africa, 1; New Zealand, 1; Newfoundland, 1. By denominations, the enrolment was: Church of England, 231; Presbyterian, 199; other Presbyterian bodies, 22; Baptists, 188; Congregational, 177; Methodists, 230; Greek Orthodox, 43; Lutheran, 32; Friends, 28; thirty-four other bodies, 175; not mentioned, 197.

CLARA BARTON AND THE RED CROSS.

The retirement of Clara Barton from the presidency of the American Red Cross Society, closes an active career of great usefulness. For twenty-three years Miss Barton has given faithful service to the American Society, of which she was the founder. During the past few years there has been some friction in the management of the society, but the future will remember nothing of this, and the world will honor the woman who has wrought great changes in the treatment of the wounded in war.

By an international treaty at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1864, the red cross on a white ground was chosen as the symbol of the organization whose object is to care for wounded, sick and dying soldiers in time of war. The spirit of the Red Cross treaty makes of a wounded or sick soldier a neutral, a non-combatant. Nearly every civilized nation now has its Red Cross that, in times of war, cares alike for friend or foe.

Miss Barton widened the scope of the society by including in its ministrations great national calamities, such as famine, pestilence, floods, fires, or cyclones. This is known as the "American Amendment."

Mrs. John A. Logan, widow of General Logan, is now the president of the American Red Cross.

AT PANAMA.

After all, as the time draws near for actual work to begin on the Panama Canal, the difficulties of climate, disease, etc., begin to melt away, if the expectations of those in authority are not dreams. Col. Gorgos, chief sanitary officer of the Panama Canal, has formulated tentative plans which will make everything safe and lovely. All villages in the zone will be put under military camp regime, and the inhabitants will be obliged to obey rules rigidly or take a dose of court martial. Lime to sweet-

en things is to be used in abundance; camps are to be drained; mosquito nets will be provided for the workmen to sleep under; stagnant pools are to be drained; and the whole zone is to be sprinkled with coal oil to utterly destroy malaria and yellow-fever bearing insects. Better than all the rest, a hospital train will make daily trips across the isthmus to pick up those who have fallen in the ranks, and the cases will be segregated as much as possible.

REV. DR. WILLIAM DOUGLAS MACKENZIE.

Rev. Dr. Mackenzie was inaugurated as president of the Hartford Theological Seminary, succeeding Dr. Hartranft, who is made honorary president, on May 25, that date being, also, the seventieth anniversary of the institution. The exercises took place in Center Church and were attended by a large number of representatives from other institutions and churches. It was an impressive service in every respect and the inaugural address by Dr. Mackenzie, on "Is a Constructive Theology Possible," was a masterly production.

His history and personality is thus briefly epitomized by an observer:

"President Mackenzie is the son of a distinguished missionary, was born in South Africa on the mission field, has had experience in the pastorate both in Scotland and in this country, and has approved himself as a teacher in the Chicago Theological Seminary. With the best modern educators, he believes in the ineffectiveness of large classes. He has a towering physique, an intellectual head, a winning smile, and a kindly eye, all clothed with the modesty of the Christian gentleman."

Dr. Clark, president of the United C. E. Society, is kept busy nowadays explaining how his travel sketches came to be published in Sunday papers. The fault apparently lies with the Hearst Newspaper Syndicate, which violated an agreement in this case, as the genial Doctor had no intention of contributing to the Sunday "yellows." Perhaps it would have been as well to have made his deal with some other than a "Hearst" syndicate.

Extensive changes have been made in the board of bishops of the M. E. Church, North. Owing to deaths and retirements eight new bishops were chosen at the general conference.

The Baptist National Anniversaries were held in Cleveland, May 16-24, and were largely attended. The reports of the various societies were very encouraging and indicated progress all along

the line. Dr. Strong, of Rochester, in an address on "The Denominational Outlook," made the claim that there are now in the United States 4,506,747 Baptists and that they have invested more money in educational institutions, and in endowments, than any other denomination in this country.

Congratulations to Rev. George M. Stone, D. D., pastor of the Asylum Avenue Baptist church and an associate editor of *The Church Review*. The occasion for congratulations to the genial Doctor, as well as to his esteemed wife, is the completion of a twenty-five year pastorate, a record to be proud of, and a record of which the church is also justly proud.

May Doctor and Mrs. Stone find many more years of congenial work and fellowship in their parish.

The death of Rev. Lindall Winthrop Saltonstall, formerly rector of Christ Church, occurred in this city on May 21. Mr. Saltonstall was a man of most kindly and courteous character and much beloved by a large circle of friends.

The Baptists propose to raise an endowment fund of five hundred thousand dollars, to be used in the education of a native ministry in foreign fields.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The summer work of the Y. M. C. A. is now well under way in the physical department. Much attention is being given to out-of-door games and sports. The vacant lot adjoining the association building is well arranged for baseball, sprinting, jumping, putting shot, etc. The lot is especially enjoyed by the boys' department. By using the soft ball, very interesting games of baseball are played every afternoon by the different classes in the boys' department.

The third annual summer encampment of the boys will be held at Lake Swanzy in the southwestern part of New Hampshire, July 6 to 27 inclusive. Any boy between the age of twelve and eighteen, giving references as to character, will be permitted to attend this

camp. The cost will be \$5 per week. Railroad fare for round trip will be inside of \$4. Applications should be made at once to Mr. N. H. Jacks, Y. M. C. A. Building.

The encampment will be conducted this season by Mr. N. H. Jacks, who will be assisted by S. Wales Dixon, physical director, and Mr. J. W. Page, the new Boys' Department secretary.

Already plans have been formulated for the coming season's work to begin September 1st. The Hillyer Institute evening classes will be as helpful and as interesting as ever.

Much preparation is being made for an increased enrollment of students. A star course of entertainments has been booked for the coming season, and will be given in Foot Guard Hall.

Increased plans are being made for a much larger Bible study work, and a series of meetings for men only, will be conducted in the Hartford Opera House, Sunday afternoons, from November to March inclusive. Much activity is expected in the Boys' Department and in the Physical Department.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

Although the summer season is now fairly upon us, all departments of our work show increased advance in numbers and interest over preceding years. The evening meetings are well attended and the morning prayer meetings attract a considerable number. The women's association of the Open Hearth is doing a much needed work among the poor and sick and supplying a want long felt in this portion of the city. The Girls' Club is well attended and the gardens and croquet grounds afford much pleasure to both young and old. The business of the Open Hearth continues good and the wood yard gives employment to those who would otherwise have no place to lay their heads except through charity. To make men feel self-supporting and feed and clothe the worthy among those who apply is our work and that it is fully and generally appreciated by our citizens we have full proof.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Sunday evening evangelistic services closed for the summer, May 29. Mrs. D. W. Howell gave an interesting address and Miss Williams sang a solo. These meetings have been well attended during the winter and spring and the attention has been very marked.

Friday evening, June 3, a very enjoyable entertainment was given in the chapel under the auspices of the Loyalty Club. A large number was present and listened with great pleasure to the selections rendered by the Ideal Mandolin

and Guitar club, readings by Miss Jessie Hayden of East Hartford and vocal and instrumental solos by Miss Lord and Miss Loomis.

The Sunday-school had their annual picnic at Rainbow Park, Saturday, June 4, under the direction of Mr. B. P. Twitchell, the superintendent. The weather was all that could be desired and the children spent a very happy day in the grove and on the river.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Union for Home Work was held May 16. The principal change noted during the year was an increase in the use of the day nursery, the total number of admissions being 4002. It is evident that a new nursery more accessible to the people of the southwest section would be successful.

The entertainment given at Poli's theatre for the benefit of the Hartford Hospital yielded \$33,218. With this help it is expected that the hospital will be enabled to close the year without increasing its debt. Means are not yet available for the opening of the tuberculosis branch of the hospital on Cedar Mountain.

The annual meeting of the Hartford Orphan Asylum was held June 7. The old officers were re-elected. There are now 113 children in the asylum.

Arrangements are being made for a large addition to the city's almshouse. The new rooms will be used as a hospital for consumptives and wards for women and children.

At the National Conference of Charities, Hartford is to be represented by several members of the Board of Charity Commissioners. The conference is to be in Portland, Maine, from June 15 to 22. Several members of the Charity Organization Society and the State Board of Charities will also attend.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The last meeting of the Men's League for the season was held Thursday, May 26, at the memorial house.

The rector, Rev. Geo. T. Linsley, gave an address, in which he alluded to the success of the league meetings for the season.

Good speakers have been heard in interesting subjects, the attendance has been large and the social life of the parish has been greatly increased.

The rector gave an informal talk of great interest to those present, as concerning the relations of rector and church members to one another. He also told some of his humorous experiences in his former parish.

A musicale was given during the evening, which was enjoyed and was well rendered by those taking part.

The Girls' Friendly Society has discontinued its weekly meetings until autumn. The Daughters of the King will continue their meetings for the month of June, before vacation time.

The fund for the new organ is growing slowly and collections are regularly taken from time to time for that purpose.

A party from the church consisting of the rector and members of the choir, with the young ladies who recently gave a play at the memorial hall, paid a visit to the Church Home on Retreat avenue,

and gave a musicale on Wednesday, June 8.

A pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served after the musicale. The matron assured those taking part of the appreciation of the inmates for the entertainment furnished.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

During the past month another of our young people has been called from us, Miss Louise Burnham, who died on May 17. It seemed only a step for one who lived so close to her Master and so truly served Him. Her quiet, sweet presence will be greatly missed by many who loved her.

We are glad to report that nine young people have recently been baptized and received into the church.

On Memorial Day our Sunday-school joined with the others of the south end, in decorating the soldiers' graves in Zion Hill Cemetery.

The B. Y. P. U. has disbanded and the society will be reorganized as a Y. P. S. C. E. It is thought that the society can do more efficient work for Christ as a Christian Endeavor Society.

Sunday, June 12, our pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, will visit Newton Theological Seminary. Mr. Thomas Day, of the First Baptist church, will preach to us in the morning; the evening will be given up to Children's Day exercises by the Sunday-school.

June 29, the Sunday-school will have a picnic at Laurel Park.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

"Have you anything to say in your own behalf?"

"Well, Jedge, it's like dis. Dat lawyer o' mine he got me so mis'bly confusticated dat I really dunno what I done nor what I done it for."—*Plain Dealer*.

Few resorts about Hartford possess more natural advantages than Rainbow Park, past which flows the beautiful Farmington river. Add to its natural attractions, the artificial improvements which have been made by the owner, and the result is an ideal place for family or society picnics. This is a favorite resort for Sunday-school picnics and always proves a satisfactory one. See the advertisement on back cover.

"William," asked the regular patron, "is this real pumpkin pie?" "It's de punkest we got, sah," stiffly replied the austere waiter.

A new thing in fly screens is being introduced by Mr. G. W. Fernside, 60 Temple street, whose advertisement appears in another column. It is called the "Roll-a-way" fly screen and works on the principle of the roller shade.

They were newly married, and were spending their honeymoon at a seaside resort. At the expiration of a week they sent a letter to the old home, in which it was written that "the weather was lovely, and that they often indulged in a row in the mornings." Next day, on returning to lunch after an hour's boating, they found a telegram waiting, which said:

"You say you had a row. How do you pronounce the last word?—Your Anxious Father."

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

Prayer is the soul in action. And in its highest form it is the highest energy of which the soul is capable—the most positive power in man's relation to God.—Rev. John Reid, Presbyterian, Brooklyn.

Strength For Hard Duties.

Only when man is influenced in the ordering of his life by the authority of a higher being, whose word is law and to whom he holds himself accountable for his actions, does he find strength to follow the rough road of duty.—Rev. B. J. Otten, Catholic, St. Louis.

Unraveling the Tangles.

There is no speculative process by which the mind may unravel the sore tangles of mortal experience. A condemned heart cannot find relief in a logic book. The cold, bloodless hand of reason never wiped away a tear. The intellect has not discovered any balm for heartache.—Rev. Howard Duffield, Presbyterian, New York.

Warning to Parents.

Consider, for instance, what occurs in our own homes. Alas, it is too often the case that parents are careless in the presence of the children that God has sent them. Take it home to yourselves, and consider if you have ever taken the name of God in vain in the presence of your innocent children.—Rev. Denis O'Callaghan, Catholic, Boston.

True Test of Life.

The man who bottles up within himself whatever goodness he has is the incarnation of selfishness. The truly happy and great man is he whose life is a blessing to others. The true test of life is not what a man has or what he knows, but what he is. Being good, kind and helpful, his acts will blossom into fruits of blessing.—Rev. Dr. Richard T. Jones, Presbyterian, Pittsburg.

Overcoming Temptation.

It is one thing to be tempted, another to fall. Each temptation overcome leaves us nobler, because God is faithful. Not one of you need do wrong. To those who are young I would say avoid temptation and all leading to it. To those who are older who may have fallen beneath the struggle I say press forward. God came to save the sinner.—Rev. Clarence Woodman, Catholic, New York.

The Superior Man.

Accidents of life do not make men superior. Wealth does not make men superior. There should be more equality among us. Many men in fustian and patches are better men than many riding today in carriages, and many rich men are better than we give them credit for. Simply because a man toils with his hands we cannot say he is a chattel.—Rev. W. E. Fatherly, Methodist, Brooklyn.

Cure For Unhappiness.

Faith in God, faith in the good and true, faith in men and women as chil-

dren of God—these are the ingredients which make this the only efficient prescription for happiness. Will anybody take it now and get it filled for himself? Will anybody take it to God and ask him to administer it in such a way as to cure the unhappiness which afflicts the soul?—Rev. H. R. Harris, Episcopalian, Philadelphia.

A Source of Strength.

What can so surely make us strong, energize us with courageous comfort, as the settled certainty which faith in the Shepherd-Lord can give us? We are not the sport and thrall of pitiless laws and forces. By trust in him we may become one of the great Shepherd's flock, and he will use for us divine defense and divine directing help. The certainty of this is comfort in its loftiest meaning.—Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt, Baptist, Pittsburg.

The Energy of the Universe.

Physiologists tell us life is an unbroken chain. Go to the beginning of that chain. Take the speck of protoplasm, bathe it in suitable chemical solution, and it does two things—first, it appropriates a part of the solution to maintain its own existence; secondly, it sets apart the remainder for the life of another. Its intelligence does not effect this, but its very nature. Its constitution is tied up with the cords of love. The higher up the scale of life the stronger and more evident these cords. The energy of the whole universe, in so far as we are able to comprehend it, manifests itself to us in its expression of love.—Rev. James Marcus Newton, Baptist, Cincinnati.

Character and Cash.

It is folly to sell character for cash, self respect for selfish enjoyment, God for the excitement of the gambling table, purity for power, truth for popular applause, the commendation of conscience for the flattery of a self seeking crowd of ignoble men, the higher life for the lower, the spiritual for the material. The lower cannot satisfy the cravings of the higher life. Life and love are more than money and merrymaking. The man who trades character for gold has cheated himself more than time will ever reveal.—Rev. Polemus H. Swift, Methodist, Chicago.

Good Coming of Evil.

God evidently intends to develop something in us by permitting the opposing forces of evil to play upon heart and brain, and many a soul incased in a delicately strung, nervous organization, obeying the call to service, has discovered the path that led to distinction and success. Do not regard the deadness of the times as a part of God's mysterious dealings with the children of men. That way of meeting the issue will not bring much help to the church of God. Be an actor in the strife that evil forces upon you, and bring to the struggle the best forces of your mind and heart.—Rev. Arthur Jamieson, Methodist, New York.

WORK FOE TO DRINK

STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP WITH PROCESSION DEMANDS SOBRIETY.

Young Men Who Find That Dissipation Means the Loss of Their Jobs Need No Temperance Tracts or Pledges to Keep Them Straight.

The Chicago, American cites an inseparable barrier between the bibulous young man and a possible bank account:

Preachers, editors, temperance societies and charitable organizations—all kinds of personal forces—are working to reform the world.

But all of them together cannot accomplish one-tenth or one-millionth part of the work that is done by the cold, hard law of supply and demand, the regulations forced upon men by necessity and by the modern struggle to keep up.

Suppose a great many good men and women went to Pennsylvania to preach against intemperance among the miners.

The ordinary reformer gets very few results until the last extreme. The terrible example is willing to reform—often because he can't get any more whisky anyhow.

When he draws his pay and goes home without work he actually knows that gambling and whisky and cigarettes are bad things. And he finds it out in time to reform, if he has brains enough to reform.

The laws of human existence, fortunately, do not wait for the young man to become a terrible example.

They say to the mine worker or the clerk, "You can't work and get money if you drink."

When the individual can't get money, he can't drink. He does not have to take the pledge. The employer takes the pledge for him, saying, "I pledge myself not to pay you while you gamble, smoke cigarettes, drink or otherwise throw away your chance of being a decent man."

Those laws of nature and of our struggle here, while they seem cruel, are working for our betterment.

It is to be hoped that more and more employees will take on behalf of those who work for them the pledge of temperate living and then enforce it by rubbing their names off the payroll.

This may seem harsh, but it will be much better for all concerned in the end.

What the average young man needs is a failure, a peremptory discharge, to make him think seriously before it is too late for thinking to do him any good.

But when the mine owners, acting in accord with the unions and with the unions' support, refuse to employ an intemperate miner, then temperance work in the mines begins in earnest.

You may tell a man that his drinking ruins his family and himself. He knows it, but still he drinks.

When the companies and his fellow

workmen realize that the drunken miner through his carelessness endangers all others, then the laws of life step in and reform begins.

The intemperate miner may not listen to the preacher, but he has got to listen to the man that takes his name off the payroll and tells him he can't get on again until he stops drinking.

And so it is in Chicago, where many employers have agreed not to keep on their payrolls young men clerks and others that drink excessively, smoke cigarettes or gamble on the races.

Good men and women may use up their voices in telling the young clerk that the gambler is a fool and must lose; that the cigarette in time is a certain poison; that whisky cheats the brain and ruins life.

This talking and writing by the good are not without effect. It saves some men strong in character and open to argument.

But it only calls out the self confident smile or sneer of the average young clerk who thinks that he can take care of himself.

When that young clerk is told that he will not be needed after next Saturday because he bets on the races, because he smokes cigarettes, because he is seen drunk in doubtful company and because the employer does not care for that type of man, then the young clerk's superior smile vanishes.

Must Pay For Drunkard's Death.

In the case of Kate Algood, who was awarded \$3,000 damages against William Botwinis, a saloon keeper of Springfield, Ill., for the death of her husband, who while on his way home in an intoxicated condition fell from his buggy and was killed, the Illinois appellate court handed down a decision holding that saloon keepers are liable for the death of their patrons who meet death while under the influence of liquor sold them by the defendants.

How to Attain a Green Age.

William H. Wiggan of Lowell, Mass., who has been a building contractor for fifty-four years, though eighty years of age, is still actively engaged in business. Accounting for his rugged health, he says, "I have never used tobacco and never took a drink of liquor, and, though I have sometimes worked hard and for long hours, I have always eaten moderately and observed regular habits."

The Largest Union.

The largest Christian Endeavor union in the world is that of London, with more than 700 societies. Philadelphia is second with 625 societies.

Two Briefs.

The Presbyterian Endeavor societies of Winnipeg, Manitoba, five in number, recently gave \$860 for missions in India.

India has a new Christian Endeavor paper. Its name is Masihi Karigar, which is the nearest equivalent for Christian Endeavor.

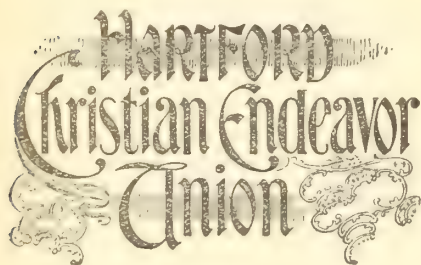
Daniel Webster was visited by a fellow senator where he was spending a vacation in New Hampshire. His friend said to him one day: "Mr. Webster, I am surprised that you go twice a Sunday to hear a plain country preacher when you pay little attention to far abler sermons in Washington." Mr. Webster replied: "In Washington they preach to Daniel Webster, the statesman, but this man has been telling Daniel Webster, the sinner, of Jesus of Nazareth, and it has been helping him." The heart-to-heart preaching that the people always need and that they frequently want is indicated by this little story.—*N. Y. Observer.*

A Brahmin lawyer spoke as follows: "My brethren, it were madness to shut our eyes to the fact that Christianity has come to India. It is not a passing episode; it is a mighty, conquering and permanent spiritual power, come to stay and repeat its victories."

LAKE COMPOUNCE.

One of the most attractive spots in the vicinity of Hartford is Lake Compounce. Its natural attractions and beauties are superb, and its artificial attractions are second to none of our local pleasure resorts. Under the management of Messrs. Pierce and Norton, the lake has become a popular resort for Sunday-school and society picnics, and for private parties, and every effort is made by the management to insure a good time to all who come. The lake can be reached from Hartford by third rail, via Bristol, or by trolley, via New Britain, the latter without change of cars. Arrangements can be made with the Hartford Street Railway Co.,

Among the attractions at the lake are good boating, bathing, a steam launch, a first class restaurant, open air entertainments, swings, pleasant walks, etc.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Christian Endeavorers: It was voted at our directors' meeting, held June 3, that the Hartford Union would have a grand picnic Saturday, June 25, at Suburban Park, in Unionville.

The Unionville Society of C. E. invited us to have the picnic at that place.

Special cars will leave City Hall at 10 a. m., and Unionville at 8 p. m.

A beautiful moonlight night is due at that time for our return ride.

Make all efforts to have your society well represented and invite prospective members.

It is proposed to have an entertainment as well as good speakers—and plenty of games.

For the entertainment, volunteers may let the president hear from them.

We shall want the usual good things that go toward making hungry people

feel satisfied—cake, sandwiches, fruit, baked beans, etc., etc.

I think this is the first affair of this kind attempted by the Hartford Union, so let us all do what we can to make a great success of it.

It will give us all a great opportunity to become better acquainted and more helpful to each other.

Yours in C. E.,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

P. O. Box 536.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning June 12.

Topic.—What must I do to become a Christian?—Matt. xvi, 24-26; John xiii, 33-35.

The question of the topic is the most important and practical one that can be addressed to a Christian, and yet it is no easy question to answer in the abstract. It is the office work of God's Spirit to make us Christians, and the Spirit "works when and where and how He pleases." In no two cases does He work exactly alike. The overlooking of this fact has been a stumbling block in the way of many people. They have heard of the experience of some one else in becoming a Christian and have concluded that their experience must be exactly similar, and if not they seriously doubt their conversion. But this is folly. Take any two Biblical cases and how they differ. To Matthew Jesus said, "Follow Me," and he arose and followed Him, and thus became a devout and faithful Christian. But how vastly different the experience of Paul, who was stricken down by a heavenly vision and thus found Christ.

That there are different ways of becoming Christians is proved also by the teaching of the Scriptures. Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," and again he said, "If thou wilt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Confession is here added to faith. The fact, therefore, is that this question cannot be definitely answered in the abstract. There is but one Christ, yet various ways to find Him, and hence various definitions of how to do it. But if we find Him, no matter what the way, then we are Christians and will express it not only by our love for Him, but also by our love for each other. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

But while all that has been said is perfectly true, yet there are certain processes through which the soul must pass in conversion that are well known and understood. The difficulty is to arrange them in any consecutive order. In some cases conversion is instantaneous. The Holy Spirit applies the benefits of Christ's redemption to the soul

in an instant, and no orderly arrangement of the soul's experiences can be made. But if they could be they would be something like this—(1) conviction of sin; (2) repentance of sin; (3) faith, or the apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ Jesus; (4) confession and consecration of ourselves to God in Christ. To become a Christian, if I am not one, I must be convicted of my sinfulness, and hence of my need of a Saviour. I must be willing to give up my sins and to accept by faith the atonement that Christ has made for my sins, and then, confessing this repentance and faith, to consecrate my life to God in Christ.

This is the theory of becoming a Christian and perhaps as near to it as we can come, but if you are not a Christian and feel your need of becoming one go to the Master in prayer, asking Him that He will by the power of His Holy Spirit make you a disciple of His, make you willing and able to "deny yourself and take up your cross that you may follow Him."

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. i, 16-20; lv, 6, 7; Zech. ix, 10; Matt. ii, 1-12; Mark ii, 14; Luke xv, 1-10; John iii, 1-16; Acts viii, 26-40; ix, 1-8; Rom. x, 9-15; Rev. xxii, 17.

A Versatile Man.

Professor Amos R. Wells has been called "the most versatile man in Christian Endeavor." As managing editor of the Christian Endeavor World he has displayed unusual ability. His articles on strictly Christian Endeavor themes have done not a little to advance the cause. His books are numbered by the score, his poems by the hundred, and his fame as a speaker is far reaching and pleasing.



PROF. AMOS R. WELLS.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning June 19.

Topic.—What Paul teaches about rising above discouragement.—II Cor. iv, 7-18.

Few lives, perhaps no life, have ever been lived into which discouragements did not come. Sometimes the discouragements are temporal, and sometimes they are spiritual. The mere obtaining of a livelihood is to thousands beset with discouragements. If every person now living and ever to live were assured of even the necessities of life—home, food and raiment—for all the days of his life, to how many discouragement would give place to hope and joy! The struggle for existence is such a bitter one that, directly and indirectly, it brings discouragements to many. And when we strive to do more than exist, to accomplish a great work in life, to realize a fond

and cherished dream, how often discouragements beat thick and fast upon us! The same conditions exist in the spiritual realm of life. No child of God ever tried to serve Him without meeting with discouragements. "The natural heart is enmity against God," and it is hard to go against nature. The environments of life are not always conducive to spiritual growth. "Is this poor world a friend of grace to help us on to God?" No one has ever found it so. Nor shall we. Christianity is a struggle. It is following Christ, who traveled a steep and rugged road; it is taking up the cross even as He took it up and carried it to Calvary.

But in spite of the varied and manifold discouragements of life we need not despair, for we can rise above them. Some think not and fall beneath them without making an effort to rise above them. Others try to do so in their own strength and do not meet with signal success, but Paul teaches us that there is a way by which we may rise above the discouragements of life. And the apostle spoke from an abundant experience. He had demonstrated his theories in his own life. He was no pessimist preaching optimism; he was no novice, declaring in ignorance that which he knew nothing about. He knew from experience, and therefore he spoke. For he says that he was "troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." What an array of discouragements—troubles, perplexities, persecutions and depressions—and yet the apostle arose above them all. His troubles were not allowed to distress him; he did not despair because of his perplexities; he was persecuted, but God did not forsake him, nor did he succumb to depression, whether it was mental or spiritual. He arose triumphantly above all adversities, and so may, and should we.

But Paul also teaches us how we may arise above our discouragements. (1) By the power of God. Prayerful trust in God is absolutely essential to success in this work. It can be done only by "leaning on the everlasting arms." (2) By keeping in mind that if we suffer with Christ we shall also reign with Him. "We are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." (3) By remembering the relations between the temporal and eternal. Our afflictions are light in comparison to the eternal joys they work out for us. Too many of us only see the temporal. Paul kept his eyes upon the eternal and was supported by looking "not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

BIBLE READINGS.

Josh. i, 1-7; Ps. xxvii, 1-6; xli, 1; cvii, 1-8; Isa. xxvi, 1-4; Matt. vi, 25-34; John xiv, 1-3; I. Cor. xv, 57, 58; Gal. vi, 9; Rev. ii, 10.

In Brazil.

The Brazilian Christian Endeavor union publishes a monthly bulletin of its work. In addition to several pages of news and notes it has a concise exposition of the weekly prayer meeting topic, the same topics being used as by the societies in English speaking countries. The past year has seen an increase of 100 per cent in the number of Christian Endeavor societies in Brazil, and they now have over 1,000 members.

With Foreign Flavor.

Rev. Carey Bonner is drilling a choir of 1,200 voices for the coming British Christian Endeavor convention in London.

The Kensington Baptist Endeavorers of Liverpool, England, recently took more than 200 waifs on a river excursion and gave them refreshments and toys.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning June 26.

Topic.—Signs that India is becoming Christ's.—Ps. xxii, 22-31.

India has been for many reasons one of our most difficult mission fields. It was the birthplace of Brahmanism and Buddhism and has been a chief center for Mohammedanism, there being today 62,000,000 Mohammedans in the empire. In fact, King Edward VII. of England rules today over more Mohammedans than does the sultan of Turkey or the shah of Persia. The Brahman caste system has also been a great stumbling block to Christianity. In addition to these things, the character of the people, their national customs and methods of living have formed barriers to the progress of the Christian religion. Yet there are not wanting signs that India is becoming Christ's and that some day this beautiful and fascinating land will be a diadem in the crown of the Saviour.

Some of the signs that India is becoming Christ's are as follows:

1. The great work among the outcasts of India. The outcasts are the millions of India who are beneath all castes. They are scarcely looked upon as human beings. For centuries they have lived hopeless, despairing lives, but now they see hope in Christianity and for the past thirty years have been turning to Christ in large numbers. The work among them was begun by the Methodist church in northern India thirty years ago, but has since spread over the empire, for the outcasts are everywhere.

2. The reformed movements from within Hindooism itself. Important reform movements have been introduced among the Hindoos themselves. These are not distinctively Christian, but they were brought about under the pressure of Christianity and are therefore a sign of Christianity's increasing influence.

3. The movement among the educated of India. Under the influence of eastern teaching and customs the educated men of India are becoming dissatisfied with their native religions.

This will not immediately make them Christians. It may even for a time tend to drive them to infidelity and atheism, but it gives Christianity an opportunity to reach them since it is more apt to bring them under its influence. That this is the case is illustrated in the vast audiences that have listened to the lectures of Dr. John Henry Barrows and Cuthbert Hall delivered in the great cities of India under the Haskill foundation, which provides for such lectures every two years.

4. The passing away of prejudice against Christianity. From one India mission field it is reported: "A marked change is noticeable in the treatment of the Christians by the people. They are no longer held in such contempt as they used to be. Their very touch was considered polluting. But now many * * * enter into friendly conversation with them, and some even go so far as to shake hands with them. We mention this simply to show how the light of the gospel has begun to dispel the thick darkness of prejudice that has enveloped their minds for centuries."

5. The results of famine relief. In the recent famines in India Christians have been of great assistance in relieving the great distress. From 50,000 to 100,000 children in the famine districts have been placed in Christian orphanages, where they will be under the influence of Christianity. And, more than this, such Christian philanthropy cannot but break down prejudice and win the hearts of the people.

6. The gradual weakening of the caste system of India. This has been a great barrier, but it is breaking down. There is as yet nothing like intermarriage, and yet the line of demarcation is gradually becoming less distinct. Only recently at a college reunion 200 students, composed of Hindoos, Mohammedans and Christians, ate at the same table. Such fellowship a few years ago would have been absolutely undreamed of.

7. The constant extension of Christ's kingdom. New converts are being made every year. The Bible is being more widely circulated and more faithfully studied. The workers are being increased, though many more could be used. "The field is ripe to the harvest," and some day "India's coral strands" shall have responded to the claims of Jesus Christ, their Saviour.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. lxxii, 8-11; cvii, 1-3; Isa. xliii, 1-7; lii, 7; Zech. vii, 7, 8; Matt. ii, 1-12; xxviii, 19, 20; Rom. i, 16-25; x, 12-15; Rev. xxii, 17.

Some Things Needed.

Most of you need to give more attention to the associate members and provide more attractive privileges for this class of membership. Practically all need to strengthen the link between the Junior and the older society and be more tender and thoughtful for Junior graduates and other young members. For the few weak: Closer touch with your pastor; study of our literature and action on it. For the strong:

Complacency is danger; at the top of the wave double the energy; many untasted blessings are beyond.—Von Ogden Vogt, General Secretary United Society.

**Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning July 3.**

Topic.—Walls of our nation ourselves.—*1 Cor. xiii, 1-3; 1 Pet. ii, 13-17.*

Christianity was predetermined of God to be a universal religion. It does not therefore advocate any particular form of human government for the obvious reason that one form of government would not meet the wants and needs of all people. We believe that for Americans self government is the only thing, and yet our government has decided that for the 10,000,000 inhabitants of the Philippine Islands self government is not the thing. But, while advocating no particular form of government, Christianity teaches that all governments are from God and that they should be respected and obeyed. Every Christian should therefore desire to consecrate himself in every way to his country's best good. He is a most ungrateful citizen who partakes of all the advantages of citizenship and then declines to do anything for the benefit of his country.

How may we therefore as Christian citizens celebrate this anniversary of our country's birthday by consecrating ourselves to our country?

1. Let us consecrate ourselves to our country by respecting its government. God teaches us to respect human governments even though the occupants of official positions may be personally unworthy. In a government like ours many unworthy men are certain to be elected or appointed to official positions. The danger therefore is that we may lose respect for the office as well as for the officers. Indeed this is a prevalent condition in our land. The license with which public officials are attacked in the press and on the platform is teaching many to lose respect for our various forms of government and even to wonder whether government by the people can be successfully carried on. But such logic is false. Let us not be deceived. Let us even respect an unworthy man, if compelled to do so, for his office's sake rather than lose respect for the office for his sake. "Fear God; honor the king."

2. Let us consecrate ourselves to our country by participating in it by government. Ours is self government, and every citizen should take his part in it in the selection of candidates, in their election, in supporting good measures and in opposing evil ones, and, if called upon to do so, holding office under the government. Failure to participate in governmental affairs rather than participation in them should be proscribed by the church of Christ. There are "bosses" and "rings" and "machines" in our political life today largely because the best citizens of the land fail to fulfill their duties as citizens and are indifferent to the

affairs of the government. And yet God commands us to "be subject unto the powers that be," to "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's" yet how can we do it when we neglect our highest duty to our land, the duty of participating, as citizens, in the affairs of the government—municipal, state or national? We cannot, and therefore should consecrate ourselves to this work.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ezra vi, 8-10; Neh. ii, 1-5; Ps. xxxiii, 10-22; cxlxxvii, 1-6; Prov. xiv, 34; Matt. xvii, 24-27; xxii, 15-21; Mark xii, 13-17; I Tim. ii, 7-13; Heb. xi, 8-16.

**Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning July 10.**

Topic.—Some modern idols and how to overthrow them.—*Luke xii, 15-21; Phil. iii, 17-19.*

Idolatry is a very ancient institution and was practiced by practically all the ancient peoples. The people of God were many times led into this sin, and it was not until after the Babylonish captivity that they were entirely cured of this great sin. The word "idol" in its original form meant "that which is seen," and idolatry, therefore, was the worshiping of God by visible representations. Sometimes these were visible parts of the universe, such as the sun or moon or the images that were made by the idolaters themselves. But, while technically an idol is a visible object worshiped in place of God, yet practically anything that takes the place of God in our hearts and lives is an idol. It is true that "the modern objects of idolatry are less gross than the ancient, but are none the less idols. Whatever of wealth or honor or pleasure is loved and sought before God and righteousness becomes an object of idolatry." Though modern idols are invisible, they are none the less idols, and those who worship them are none the less idolaters.

Some modern idols are suggested in the topical references for our special study. (1) Wealth. The expression "Money is king" is a common one today, and it does have a wide supremacy. But money is not only king, but an idol. It occupies the supreme place in many lives. God has been set aside and in His place the golden calf has been set up, and it is doubtful if gold ever had so many devotees as today. The man who asked Christ to compel his brother to divide the inheritance with him may have had a legal right to all he asked, and yet how truly money must have been his god, when, standing before the Son of God, his uppermost thought was about money instead of about Christ! If he could use Christ to obtain money for himself, well and good, but there is no record of his having followed Christ after He refused to act as judge between him and his brother. And many today, like this man, have made money so supreme in their lives that they follow Christ if it increases their fortune, and leave Him if it does not. (2) Worldliness. What a striking illustration of worldliness we have in the

foolish rich man in the parable of Christ following the preceding incident! With enlarged barns, brimming with grain, the rich man said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry." What a foolish man! How could he feed his "soul" with material things? It feeds upon other things. What assurance had he that he had many years before him? None, for he did not have them. God said, "Thou fool, this night shalt thy soul be required of thee." But how many today still worship the idol of epicureanism! But in the light of its absolute failure to satisfy the soul it is a wonder how they can do so. (3) Appetite. Paul thus characterized a certain class of people in his letter to the Philippians. Physical appetites are the gods of many people, and they waste and wreck their lives in overeating or in fostering appetites for other things that ruin and destroy them.

How may these modern idols be overthrown? It depends upon the idol. (1) If money be your god, overthrow it by giving in the name of Jesus. Christian liberality is the best safeguard against miserliness and the best antidote for the worship of money. (2) If worldliness be your god, look at the supreme folly of worshiping the trifling, transient, uncertain toys of life while neglecting God and eternal things. (3) If appetite be your god, look at the ruin and destruction it causes. By the grace of God overcome these baser powers of your nature.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ex. xx, 1-6; Lev. xxvi, 1; Ex. xxxii, 1-4, 35; Ps. cxlxxv, 15-21; Eccl. ii, 1-11; Isa. xxviii, 1-5; Dan. i, 1-15; Matt. vi, 24-34; I John ii, 15-17; v, 21.

Baltimore's Grit.

The next international Christian Endeavor convention is to be held in Baltimore, July 5 to 10, 1905. Although the majority of the members of the committee, as well as many other persons prominent in Christian Endeavor circles, lost heavily from the fire, the committee is confident that the same degree of patriotism and pluck that prevails among the business men of the city will be manifested by the Christian people of Baltimore and Maryland. Arrangements are being made to entertain 50,000 delegates from all over the world. It is stated positively by the committee that the use of the Fifth regiment armory for the convention has already been assured.

The Pastor.

I do not think that a pastor can help the young people much if his attendance at their meetings is felt by him to be a bore or a burden. His inner thought will out. But if he goes because he loves the young people and rejoices in this opportunity of worshiping with them, actually getting help from them while he gives it to them, they will speedily perceive his spirit and respond to it.—*Amos R. Wells in Christian Endeavor World.*

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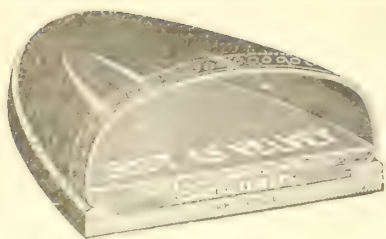
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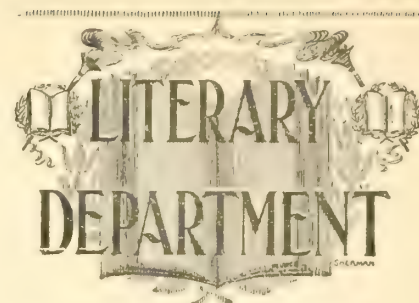
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Although *The Century* for June is a Western number, five Presidents of the United States figure in it: Washington, in Dr. Mitchell's "autobiographical" narrative; Jefferson, in a portrait by Kosciuszko, and an autograph letter, now first published, giving a forecast of the value of the Louisiana Purchase; Lincoln, in an article on his first law suit, with autograph documents; Mr. Cleveland, in a short contribution by himself, "A Word for Forestry"; and Mr. Roosevelt, in an article by Gifford Pinchot, "The New Hope for the West," in which incidentally the President's record on forestry and irrigation is set forth.

"A Sweet Girl Graduate," leaving her Alma Mater, with the seal of its approval in her hand, graces the cover page of the June *Burr McIntosh Monthly* and gives a key to the contents of the number. The whole number is a gleam of color and June roses. Four dainty portraits in colors are superb bits of work, but the other pages in plain tints contain such fine examples of photographing as to make it a truly distinct work of art among magazines. There are pictures of battle-ships and landscapes, as well as portraits of men and women.

Genuine, gripping readableness is the marked quality of the June *McClure's*.

Ida M. Tarbell describes the twenty years' struggle of the independent oil men for commercial life in this installment of her "History of the Standard Oil Company." It is a powerful narrative of a giant combat, of the greatest commercial war in history, and it sweeps the reader along like a romance. Another article of mixed fiction, truth, and satire which reduces some of the methods of high finance to their last analysis, is called "The Inoculation of Mr. Skads."

The Connecticut Magazine under its new management, Mr. Herbert Randall of this city being treasurer of the company, is taking such a stride forward as it never had before. In illustrations, text, advertising and general appearance, it is a publication that is a credit to the state and especially to this city where it is published. The next issue, "The Old Dutch Number," it is said, will even improve upon the superb "Indian Number," and is to be of unusual local interest.

The issue of *The Outlook* dated June 4 is its Fifteenth Annual Illustrated Recreation Number. As is the custom of *The Outlook*, this issue in addition to the usual editorial and interpretative treatment of news events, public questions and current literature, contains a group of out-of-door articles, the major-

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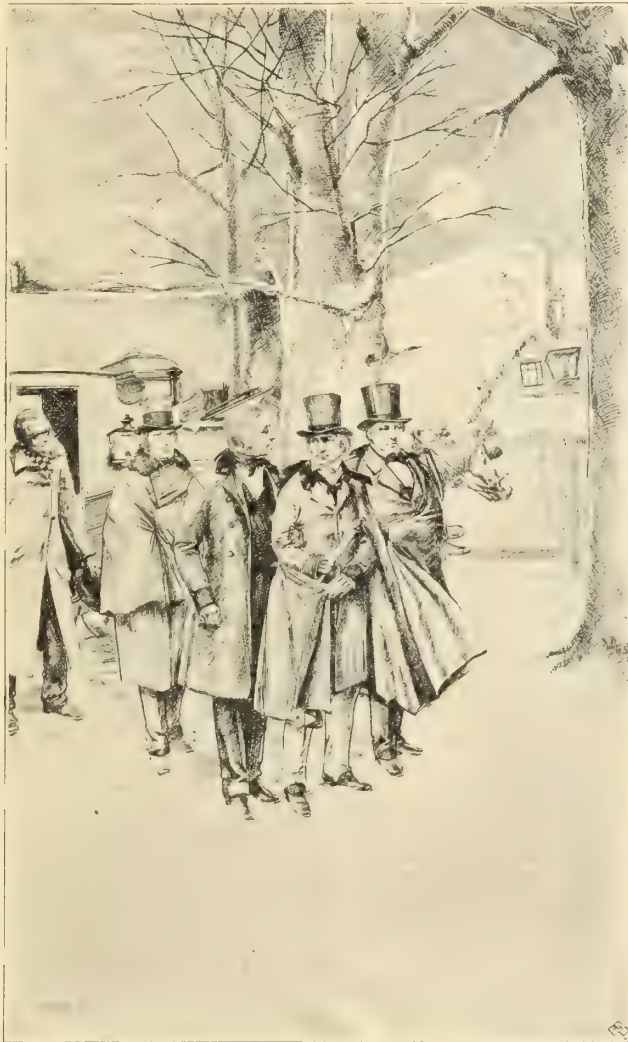
ity of them carefully and fully illustrated. Most notable among these articles this year is the first instalment of Mr. Stewart Edward White's serial "The Mountains." This may be called a companion series to Mr. White's "The Forest," which was published in *The Outlook* last summer.

"The Men Who Make Presidents" is the title of a timely article in *Leslie's Monthly* for June on political conventions past and present. The small part the people take in the nomination and selection of Presidential candidates is

ago, one is predisposed to like and enjoy this later work.

In the opening pages one realizes that a war begins long before its first gun is fired, for the story begins with a rising of the negroes in 1831 and brilliantly portrays the scenes of that affair. Logically one may follow each event that led up to "The Issue" and the war that decided it.

The most careful, studious work produced this novel and it is deserving of the success due such, for it is accurate as well as full of the charm with which the author's imaginative gifts endow it.



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strikingly shown, and makes interesting reading.

"The Mighty Men of Russia" is another suggestive article on the men who really control affairs in Russia to-day—self-made men, many of them, who have had remarkable careers.

There is an interesting sketch of William Nelson Cromwell, and a clear, vivid account of the "Fight of Joseph W. Folk for Honesty in Missouri."

The Issue. By George Morgan. 419 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.50.

With a clear memory of the many excellences of "John Littlejohn of J.", which the author published several years

ago, one is predisposed to like and enjoy this later work. Many of the scenes of the Civil War and many public characters of that time are introduced naturally and effectually. The illustrations are especially attractive and through the courtesy of the publishers we are able to reproduce one on this page.

A Case of Sardines. By Charles Poole Cleaves. 322 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.25.

Sardine fishing and packing is one of the principal industries of the Maine coast and so its various phases play an important part in the lives of a large number of people.

This story goes deeply into their inner life and reveals many phases of

human nature common to these fisher folk and probably not uncommon elsewhere.

It is a very good thing that this story of Echo Bluffs has been published, for its dramatic—and at times pathetic scenes are calculated to arouse, not merely a reader's interest, but a practical curiosity and attention to the lives of a body of people well worthy our admiration.

The Son of Light Horse Harry. By James Barnes. 243 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price \$1.25.

The career of Robert E. Lee is one that every American should read. In the light of time his treason to his country is excusable, almost, in view of the sincerity of his purpose and his conscientious conception of his duty.

However, the reader of this boy's story of Lee's career, from his West Point days through the Mexican war, will find only Lee the patriot, man of honor and courage, energetic and loyal to the flag. His adventures were numerous and his progress brilliant and the story told here is both entertaining and pleasantly instructive. There are several good illustrations.

To Punish the Czar: A story of the Crimea. By Horace Hutchinson. 275 pages, 12 mo. New York: Cassell & Co. Price \$1.25.

A former edition of this story of the siege and fall of Sebastopol proved so successful that the publishers have now re-issued it in a new binding and with new illustrations. Frankness requires the remark that these drawings are not up to standard, however, and the volume gains little by them.

The narrative is a lively and earnest one and shows a familiarity with the history of the period that is unusual in a historical novel. In dealing with military details, also, the author is technically accurate—another rare quality.

The brilliant charge of the Light Brigade is woven into the story and is described with stirring vividness.

The House in the Woods. By Arthur Henry. 323 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

It seems as though this were the real "long awaited book," for many people have dreamed and theorized about a return to nature and attempted to abandon a life of artificiality and start in anew, with an attempt at a conquest of the soil.

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There seem to be disadvantages to consider, for "the school of the woods" is not enough for children of to-day, for one thing, and we suspect other disagreeable things have been laughed about only after supreme efforts. But in spite of that, it seems to have been a happy, healthy, free life and at all events the reader will enjoy the story of it as the author relates it.

High Noon. By Alice Brown. 308 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

These short sketches by one whose

work has always been of the most reliable character and done with painstaking care and attention to details, are exceptional. It is not often that one finds such a book, for while several remind by their tone and general trend of Olive Schreiner's "Dreams," the others are distinctly original in treatment and plot and are readable in a different manner.

Of the six kind "A Dream in the Morning" is a bit of work distinctly beautiful and inspiring, while "The End of the Game" is an unusual story, written with cleverness and spontaneity.

The Mother's Manual. By Emelyn L. Coolidge, M.D. 263 pages, small 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.00.

The Woman's Home Library has been named before in these columns. The volumes issued in it thus far have been of great practical value and usefulness.

The present book is by one whose connection with the Babies' Hospital of

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It is a graceful and pretty story, thoroughly readable.

Nancy Stair. By Elinor Macartney Lane. 385 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

Of the beautiful Nancy Stair, whose name was coupled with that of Robert Burns, not so much is known as curiosity and natural admiration would ask. That Mrs. Lane, recognizing the fascination of that talented girl's career, should give us a novel based upon her life, is fortunate. She has written as much of it with authority, as history and private records could give her, and embellished the bare facts with the imagination and charm of telling which

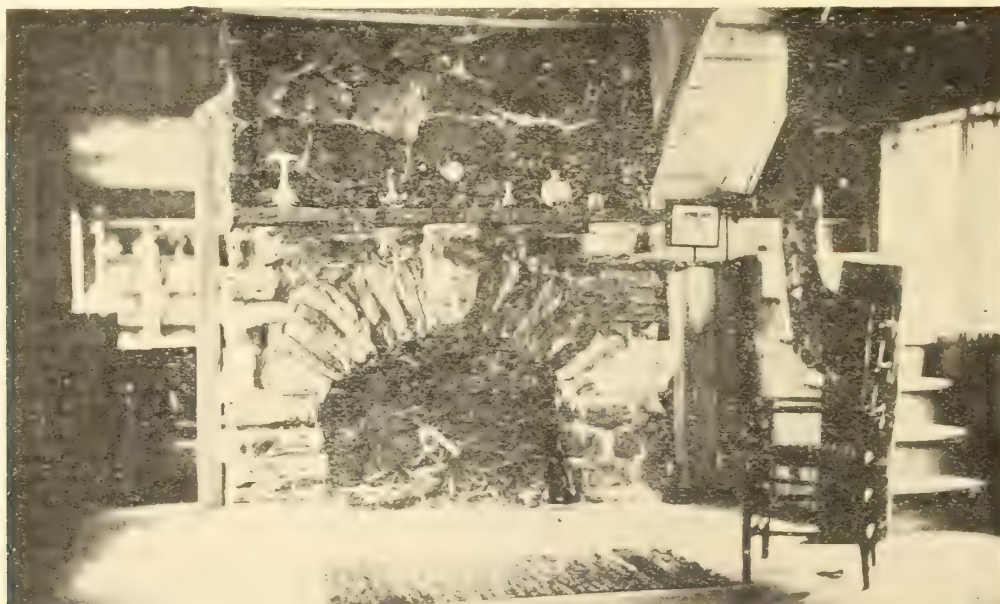
pioneer school-boy life and of flat-boat life and the perils from bandits and floods, beasts and men, which the young heroes faced in those days.

Richard Baxter. By Edward F. Jones. 331 pages, 12 mo. Binghamton: Jones of Binghamton. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Jones founded the Jones' Scale Works, was for a time Lieutenant-Governor of New York, wrote "Uncle Jerry," "The Origin of the Flag" and the world-heralded phrase "Jones, He Pays the Freight."

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Evelyn Byrd. By George Cary Eggleston. 438 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

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"Dorothy South" first showed that, as a novelist, the author had really "got his hand in," for that work was a finished, charming and well written story. Now comes "Evelyn Byrd," the story of a fascinating beauty, one of a Southern family of renown. She is saved from a burning house, in the midst of an artillery engagement, by a high-minded

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The Ark of 1803. By C. A. Stephens. 341 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.25.

"A Story of Louisiana Purchase Times" is the sub-title of this book. It is obvious, therefore, that its scenes and incidents are laid in one of the most eventful and dramatic periods of American history. Taking up, as it does, the adventures of the young pioneers, who discovered that Spain had closed the mouth of the Mississippi to American traders, it gives a clear conception of the causes that led up to the great Purchase.

Incidentally, a clear idea is given of

by John Louis Haney, Ph.D. 227 pages, 8 vo. Philadelphia: The Egerton Press.

It is doubtful if an accurate estimate of the great writers can be obtained save by an acquaintance with contemporary criticism and opinions.

In this volume, the editor has reprinted from the pages of English critical periodicals about thirty characteristic reviews of the early publications of English poets from Gray to Goldsmith to Tennyson and Browning.

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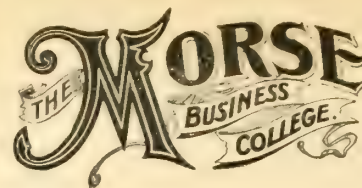
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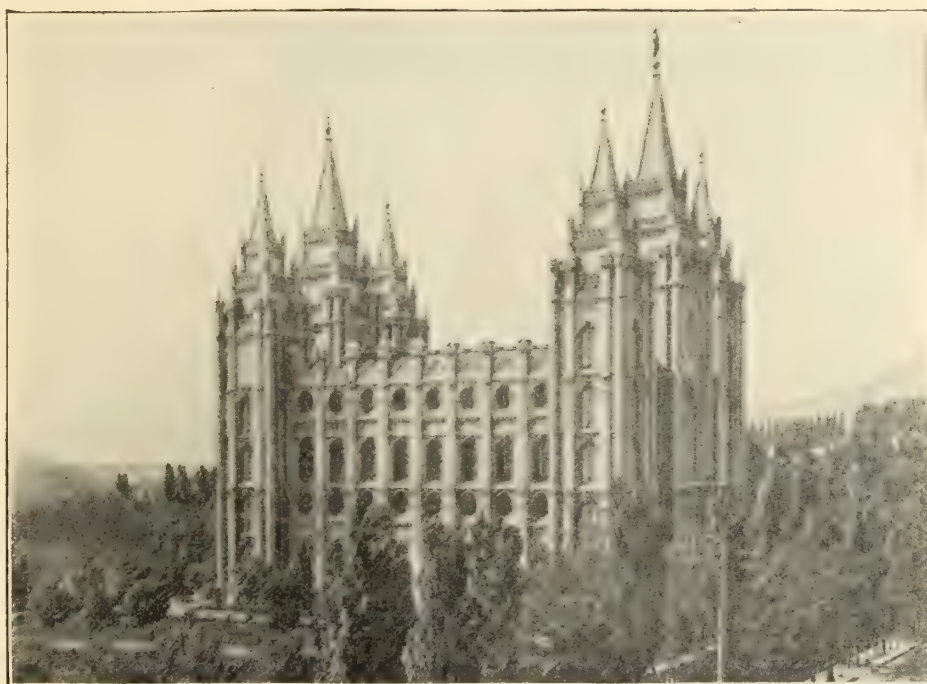
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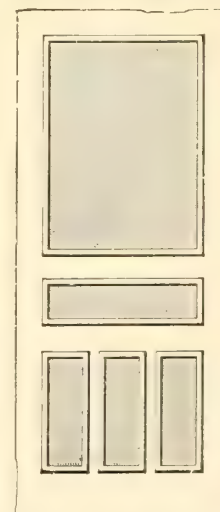
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AN INVITATION.

The warm, wide hills are muffled thick
with green,
And fluttering swallows fill the air
with song.
Come to our cottage home. Lowly it
stands,
Set in a vale of flowers, deep fringed
with grass.
The sweet brier (noiseless herald of
the place)
Flies with its odor meeting all who
roam
With welcome footsteps to our small
abode.
No splendid cares live here, no barren
shows.
The bee makes harbor at our per-
fumed door,
And hums all day his breezy note of
joy.
Come, O my friend, and share our fes-
tal month,
And while the west wind walks the
leafy woods,
While orchard blooms are white in all
the lanes,
And brooks make music in the deep,
cool dells,
Enjoy the golden moments as they
pass,
And gain new strength for days that
are to come.

—James T. Fields.

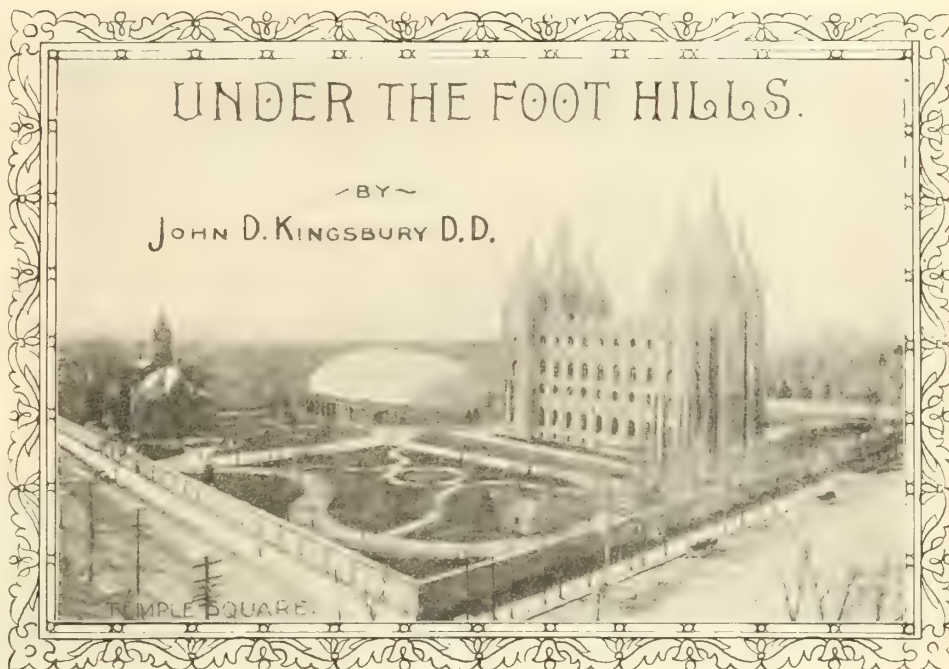
Don't pray for easy lives; pray to be
stronger men. Do not pray for tasks
equal to your powers; pray for powers
equal to your tasks.—*Phillips Brooks.*

UNDER THE FOOT HILLS.

By John D. Kingsbury, D. D.

There is evident disintegration in
the Mormon church. The preaching
of the Gospel with the object lesson
of the pure family and the Christian
life always wins. But God is prepar-
ing the way.

We rode out at evening to the home
of a herder and ranchman. The house
was attractive,—a low, long house,
with shade trees and flowers, and a
garden near by, rich in fruit. The fur-



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niture was rude, home-made, but the
rooms were neat and tidy and there
was an air of refinement, which we
felt all the more when we received a
warm welcome from the pleasant
young woman who was the lady of the
house.

She said, "The ditch is behaving
badly. Frank can't come in just now,
for we cannot neglect the water, you
know."

We were very soon acquainted and
she told her story: "I was born a
Mormon, you know, never knew any-
thing else, but when I was seventeen
years old I began to think for myself,
and I said, these Mormon ways are
not right. This way of living is not
what I need; I had seen a Testament;
I did not like what I had been taught
about God and about home and love,
and my heart longed for something
which I had not seen.

"I could say nothing; I had nobody
to help me. I had no sympathy; what
could I do? I went for a visit to
Laramie, and fell in with a Presby-
terian teacher. She took me to
church. I heard there sermons. I
had a ray of light; but when I went
home I could not speak of it. I was
alone. I hardly knew prayer or holy
promise or love of God.

"When I was married I said, 'Frank,
we don't want to be Mormons,' and
he said, 'No.' But everything was
against us. All our neighbors talked
about revelations and plural wives and
went to the dances; we were alone.

"When the children came, little
Will and Bess, we said we cannot send
them to a Mormon Sabbath-school
and to the dance hall, we will teach
them at home. We have taught them
sweet stories and the Testament and
little songs. You shall hear them sing



MORMON TABERNACLE—EXTERIOR.

with their little harp," so the children sang and their voices were sweet indeed.

"All this while I was longing for something better and now you have come and have brought your church and Sabbath-school and I hear that all the people are glad," and her face flushed with modesty as she said, "My children will be in your school, but I don't suppose you will think I am fit to belong to your church, but I hope I shall be and you must help me, and we shall be so happy now your church has come." This story represents a wide range of personal experience in the younger generation of Utah.

IGNORANCE AND BEWILDERMENT

Converts to Mormonism come largely from Northern Europe. They are simple-minded people with scanty education and little idea of religion. They come to better their conditions. Their minds have been filled with large expectations of what may be enjoyed in this fertile land. They are not disappointed. The homes of the ranchmen are infinitely better than the common people enjoy in any foreign country. They have alfalfa and wheat and corn and sugar beets and honey and apples, pears, peaches, plums, and all fruits in great abundance. Life is in the midst of luxury. They take religion as incidental. They are at once brought under the power of the church. Moreover, teaching is constant. The Sabbath-school, the meeting-house and the dance hall are in every place. Every neighborhood is organized and has its bishops. It is not strange that these grateful people are easily led to speedy conformity to all doctrines and practices.

Not many of the common people ever become polygamists. They cannot afford it; they are the hard working, thrifty, healthy, strong yeomanry of the land. Once in a while they go up to Salt Lake to worship in the great Tabernacle, with the mighty throng, listening to the grand organ and the choir of 500 voices and to the

apostles who speak by divine authority. They look on the closed Temple, opened only to the elect few, and its majestic granite walls make strong appeal to the superstitious imagination. They go away with the conviction that God is constantly speaking to the apostles and leaders. It is no wonder that many devout, simple-minded women say:

"Yes, plural marriage makes us wretched; but it is the will of God and we submit."

"Do you believe it is right?" my friend said to the first wife in a plural family.

"Yes, it is the will of God."

"Does it make you happy?" She hesitated, and said with a sigh, "Our

home was a paradise until my husband took a second wife."

Mormonism can never destroy the longing in the heart of woman for the joy of love's sweet privacy—the life unmolested when two hearts mingle in one which is uttered in the old refrain:

"I care not how humble, for happy 'twill be
If but one faithful heart will share it with me."

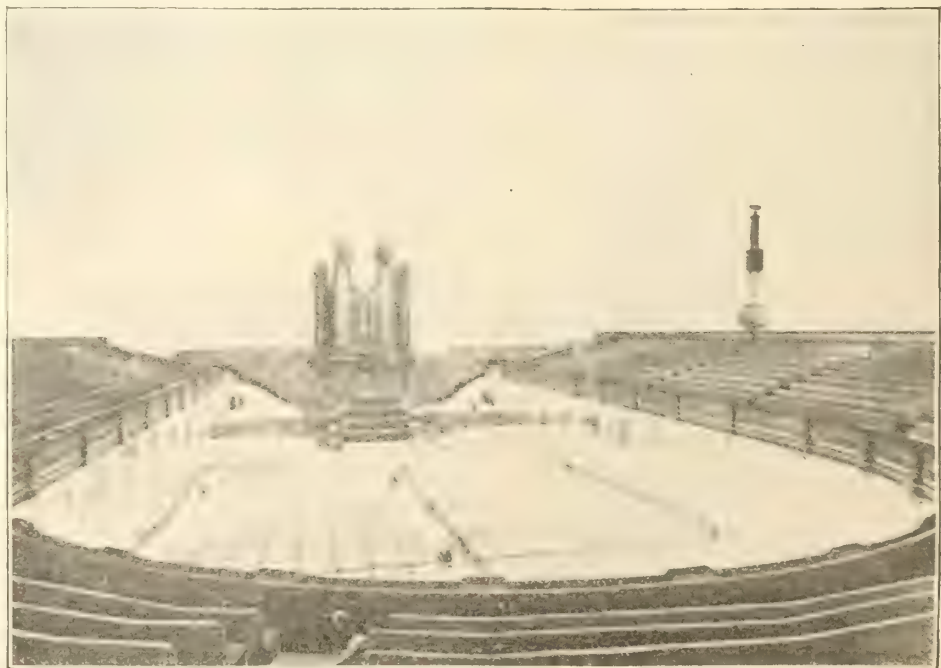
But it is possible to appeal to woman's religious nature and by strange moral compulsion to bewilder her pure instincts and enforce the monstrous belief that God requires the sacrifice of what is dearest and most tender in her loving heart.

Not all women are bewildered. One of the most spirited and clear-headed said with sharp emphasis: "Yes, my husband wants to take another wife. Let him take one! I tell him to, and that will be the last of me."

SOCIALISTIC CHARACTER

Mormonism is a compact, rich, powerful, socialistic body. It has vast wealth. The aggregate from the tenth of every man's income is immense. It has great mercantile concerns. It controls the produce of the intermountain realm. It has churches and halls and the great Endowment House and Tabernacle and Temple, costing millions. It is a great trust. It cares for the bodies and the souls of men. The Sabbath service is often an advocacy of a sugar mill, or a woolen company, or for anything that can make for thrift and wealth or wider opportunity.

It claims the right to influence every action, public and private, which has to do with prosperous life. But its methods were never at war with other interests. The people engage in trade, agriculture, mining, alongside of the Gentile people. Let comparison be made with the oil trust, which controls every oil well in the Republic



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and sets a price on every lamp that burns in the poor man's home; or the coal trust that fixes the price of labor and regulates the heat of every home; or the steel trust which dominates in all industry; and listen to the whisperings of all these trusts in the ears of legislators and even in the halls of Congress and the conclusion is inevitable that the desire of Mormons to control is not out of the ordinary.

MATERIALISM

Its religion is materialistic. God is a deified man. He is the "Old Man who puts snow on the mountains." He is the gross sensual ruler in heaven who has countless wives. The Lord Christ was a polygamist.

It follows at once that revelations to men are often selfish, sensual, degrading. Ask at the bureau of information, "What do you think of polygamy?" The quick reply is, "It is of God." Listen to President Snow at the Lake speaking to the throng at the Conference. "The mission of woman is to bear children." This leads to the violation of the true ideal of marriage, the introduction of unholy polygamy and the defilement of home. The social statistics tell us of the destruction of pure instincts in children and youth, of polluted lives and the weakening of all ties of kindred and the breaking down of character.

GHASTLY MEMORIES

Every town has its traditions of cruelty and brutal selfishness. In our Christian work we do not charge upon the people crimes of bygone days, or antagonize them by sharp criticism, but the people often tell of ghastly memories. One woman said, "All that has ever been written is true. I have been through the Endowment House; I know it all."

Another said: "I came here a widow. I had a little girl. I married a Mormon. When my child was twelve years old, my husband said he must marry her; it was the will of God. I protested. The bishop said, 'If you do not wish to be turned under, hold your peace.' He married my



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child. God only knows what came after."

"Yes," said a man, "my father had three wives and he starved one to death in the cellar. Our neighbor had three wives. The youngest had sinned so she could not be saved except by blood atonement, and while he fondled her on his knee, he cut her throat."

One of the children spared from the Mountain Meadow massacre is now a Mormon bishop. A young English bride said, "My husband told me the bishops said he must take another wife. I kneeled to him and pleaded, 'George, you know I gave you my heart, my life, my all; I beg for the sake of the memory of our sweet love in England, for the sake of all that is dear in our home, for the

sake of our unborn child, that you will be true to me,' but he pushed me aside and said, it is the will of God."

But these days are passed. Polygamy still asserts itself, but it meets the scorn and derision of the world. The veil is lifted. Life is growing better under the influence of the schools, the church, the pure Christian homes. The light is shining and the people rejoice in the new life of domestic love. Many a Mormon youth coming to maturity, graduating at the High School or University, says, "I am the child of plural marriage, I have no inheritance, I am stained by my birth, I am not like other men. It is wrong. I revoke, I reject all this falsity, I take the right that belongs to a man among men."

ALLIES IN PROGRESS

All things work together. Trade is an ally. The interchange of products to supply the markets of the world can never be eliminated. Business men with push and foresight and daring come to this realm and break up selfish isolation. Railroads, opening ways of travel, bearing the burdens of forest and canyon and field, rushing into mining camps and fruitful realms, have hastened the dawn of a brighter day. Silver from the mountains entering all arts, copper stretching its wires over the continent and under the sea, repeating the speech and converse of men, and gold, entering the arteries of exchange, have all been allied in the onward movement for the evangelization of Utah; all have aided in the building of character, citizenship and home.

The Bible, the school, and the church are not alone in the work of regenerating this inter-mountain realm. And there is not an area on the continent where, in the last forty years, there has been such progress.

Forty years ago a monstrous iniquity barricaded itself behind the Rockies, defied the courts, the army and the Republic, and stained every street and field and wild canyon with blood. Today the reign of terror is





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a thing long gone by, the avenues of trade are open to all; church bells call the votaries of every faith, the Word of the Lord has free course and is glorified and the advocate of truth is delivered from absurd and wicked men, and the signs of the times are bright in Utah.

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Let the church, with missionaries, churches, the Gospel of God, the power of the Holy Ghost, join in the work of evangelizing this steady, onward, rapid increase of life in Utah!

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SOME TESTIMONIES OF ARCHEOLOGY CONCERNING THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE.

By Rev. William H. Main, D. D.

(Continued from June number.)

We may now turn our attention to Egyptology as confirming much of Old Testament truth. The history of Egypt is the oldest known history. The words "Egypt" and "Egyptian" are mentioned more than 700 times in the Bible. From the hieroglyphics we now have quite a complete history of this wonderful country, with a list of most of the kings, beginning with the God-kings. Upon the walls of temples, obelisks and buildings have been found narratives of the exploits of these kings. The paint on many of the pictures is still very bright, and gives but little evidence of great age. It is a matter to be thankful for, that the hieroglyphics can now be read. The finding of the "Rosetta Stone" was the key that unlocked this door of a great past. One hundred years ago, if the question had been asked, "How far does history reach into the past?" the answer would have been: "The oldest history is the history of Greece and Rome which goes back to 400 B. C." Critics decided that much of the history of the Old Testament could not be true, as it was uncorroborated by contemporary history. The story of the conquest made by Abraham must be the attempt of the Jews to make him out a great man.

The Hittites were considered by the critics to be a mythical race, as there was no evidence that they ever existed, except the statements of the Old Testament. Sargon is mentioned in Isaiah as being the King of Assyria, but other than this reference, we know nothing of him, therefore he was probably a myth. Herodotus was

the father of history, and he doesn't mention these things, therefore they could not have been. But the Old Testament claims to go back 1,000 years beyond the extreme limit of Greek history.

One hundred years ago most of the Old Testament statements were absolutely unsupported. Were the Israelites in bondage to the Egyptians? The only evidence of it was the statement of the Old Testament. But the light has now burst through the darkness. Men had noted for years that on temples and tombs there were series of pictures, or objects arranged in a certain order. If it was a language, what was the key? The key was found. In 1799 Napoleon began his campaign in Egypt. While excavations were being made at the mouth of the Nile, a strange stone was discovered. It was of black granite, 3 feet, 9 inches in height, 2 feet, 4½ inches wide and 11 inches thick.

On the top were lines in the strange picture language. Below were lines in demotic, while still farther down were lines in Greek uncial letters. In 1818 the long-lost combination was discovered and the past of Egypt revealed. This stone, called the "Rosetta Stone," is now in the British Museum.

We now go back in Egyptian history nearly 5,000 years B. C. We now know the history of a great civilization antedating the history of the Old Testament 3,000 years. In 1887, at Tel-Amarna, a peasant woman found over 300 cuneiform tablets, which proved to be a correspondence between the kings of Asia and Egypt and these, with the hieroglyphic inscription, have given us a most marvelous view into the past. We find that the Hittites were indeed a real and great nation, and were finally conquered by King Sargon.

In 1884-86 a French engineer brought to light the palace of Artaxerxes II., at Shushan, the home of Esther. He collected 46 tons of antiquities which are now being studied by scholars. The ancient Empire of Egypt closed with the 11th dynasty. The Middle Empire begins B. C. 466, or about the time of Abraham. A famine drove Abraham into Egypt where he remained until he became very rich. How can we account for his friendly reception? When Abraham went into Egypt the Hyksos or Shepherd Kings were in power. They were of Abraham's own people, being descendants of Shem, having come from Canaan and Arabia and conquered the Egyptians. Of course the Shepherd Kings did not object to shepherds but the Egyptians considered them an abomination. Genesis 46: 34, reads: "For every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians." But the closest relation between Egypt and Israel was established by Joseph. What floods of light have been thrown on the story of Joseph! The Ishmaelites who brought him sold him to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. Potiphar makes him his honored and trusted servant, but through a slanderous report, he is thrown into prison. After interpreting the dream of the King, Joseph was made a dignitary whose authority was next to that of the King. The whole story has an Egyptian coloring. Joseph shaved himself before appearing to the King. We now know that this

was required in Egypt. A collar of gold was given to Joseph; this, too, was an Egyptian custom.

Among the monuments discovered, several make reference to times of drought, one describing seven years of severe famine. In a tomb at El-Kab, an inscription states that the governor dealt out grain to the people, which he had stored away in times of plenty. This was about the time of Joseph's administration, during which he caused the different authorities to put away grain in store-houses, as a safeguard against the coming famine. On a royal tomb of this period the following inscription has been found: "No one was hungry in my days, not even in the years of famine." The famine reached Canaan and Jacob sends his sons into Egypt to buy corn. They meet Joseph, whom they do not recognize, buy grain, and start for home, but are detained because of the supposed theft of Joseph's cup, which was found in Benjamin's sack. Joseph then reveals himself and sends for his father. Thus begins the sojourn of the children of Israel in the land of Egypt. Joseph soon makes arrangement with Pharaoh, the Shepherd King, and Jacob's family is made welcome. Good land is given them and Joseph provides them with food until the famine is over. The Pharaoh of Joseph's time was the last of the Shepherd-Kings. You may see his portrait in the British Museum. His name, "Apepi," has been found on the right shoulders of sphinxes discovered among the ruins of San.

Soon after Joseph's time, the Egyptians drove out the Shepherd-Kings, and reinstated their own Kings. Joseph had died, but the memory of his deeds lived long in the minds of the people, and for many years the children of Israel were unmolested because of Joseph. They lived in the land of Goshen and had become a great people. But gradually the bands tightened and the Egyptians began to be severe with the Hebrews. "But the more they afflicted them the more they multiplied and grew." Then, "there arose up a new king who knew not Joseph," that is, was not influenced by the memory of his good deeds. The Israelites were made slaves, and terrible persecutions followed. Egypt was again threatened by invaders and Pharaoh became alarmed, lest this great body of slaves should revolt, and join the enemy. An order was given to kill all male Hebrew children that were born. The name of this Pharaoh was Seti I., who was the founder of the 18th dynasty.

One day we entered the Gizeh museum in Cairo and among the first things we saw was the body of Seti I. Many centuries had passed since speech came to those lips, yet once his word was law to millions of people. Just next to Seti I., was lying the body of Rameses II. Seti and Rameses had reigned jointly, but when Seti died and Rameses became sole ruler, the oppression so increased that Rameses has been called "The Pharaoh of the Oppression." About this time Moses was born. He was reared as the "son of Pharaoh's daughter," and her mummy has also been found. In all, 40 mummies of kings, queens and priests were found. In 1886 the

bodies were unwrapped, after being most positively identified. Menephtah succeeded his father, Rameses II., and he is called "the Pharaoh of the Exodus." Menephtah's body has not been found, and it may have perished in the Red sea.

Now see the extra-Biblical evidence of the truth of these statements. Ruins of the ancient city of Pithom have been found. Its founder was Rameses II. Pithom and Rameses were treasure cities or store houses. The treasure chambers have been discovered and some of the bricks were without straws. These bricks without straw recall Exodus 6: 17. Pharaoh said: "Ye shall no more give the people straw" but he demanded just as many bricks, however. These cities were built by the Hebrew slaves. Already have been found two Egyptian inscriptions which contain the name of "Israel." The last plague was the death of the first born and Dr. Payne gathers from many inscriptions that the first born of the king died suddenly. The tomb of his son was never finished because of his sudden and unexpected death.

Part of a letter by that eminent scholar, Dr. T. F. Wright, is of special interest: "The brick of which I send you a photograph is made of Nile mud and chopped straw. Stamped upon it is the cartouche or signature of Rameses II., who is now recognized as the Pharaoh who oppressed the Israelites, and compelled them to make bricks and build his treasure cities."

Professor Petrie has traced the Egyptians from the beginning, when the people used flint instruments only. Then came a race tilling the soil; then a race knowing metals, and then a period of decay set in, and what he calls the "first cycle" was completed. Next came a "race from the Red Sea," whose first king was Mena, and Petrie has found his tomb and body. Some account of all this is given in the report of the Egyptian Exploration Fund for 1900. Some of the earliest attempts in art are most interesting.

"Long after Mena, the Israelites were in Egypt, and here belongs the hard face of Rameses II., who was the oppressor of Israel. His body, found a few years since, lies in the museum at Cairo, and confirms, by its very look, the account of the hard master who set task-masters over the children of Israel, and compelled the people to build for him the forts or treasure cities of Pithom and Rameses."

"Not only has the body of Pharaoh been found, but we can go to the treasure city Pithom, mentioned in Exodus 1: 2, and see the thick walls built of both kinds of brick, with and without straw."

Because of the great discoveries made, the Old Testament has become a New Book to us. Explorations have been made in nearly every Bible land, and the work is still going on. We have, as yet, only entered the borders of the great field of investigation. We can look upon the bodies or pictures of people from most of the lands mentioned in Scripture, while tons of new materials are each year being gathered which will throw added light upon the statements of the Bible. Every mound uncovered is a step toward new and important discover-

ies. New light has been thrown upon nearly every name mentioned in the Old Testament. We now know much of the religious life of many old nations. The gods of Egypt were "day and night," or "light and darkness." The greatest god was Ra, who was self-begotten, absolute and perfect in unity. The great theological doctrine of Egypt is "the future life." Thus were beautiful tombs made for their embalmed bodies, until the day of resurrection should come. With regard to man, it was held that he had a body, soul, genius and intellect. After death, the soul was taken before the Judge of the dead, and the conscience, symbolized by the heart, was weighed in the balance before him. If the weighing of the heart was unfavorable—in the other side of the scales was a feather—the Devourer stepped forward and claimed the dead man as his. Annihilation was the result. The hymns to the god Ra were very grand: "Hail, my Lord, thou that passeth through eternity, and whose being is everlasting. Hail, thou disk, Lord of beams of light, thou risest and makest all mankind to live. Grant that I may behold thee at dawn of each day." The good soul was given the power to overcome enemies, and went into the abode of the beautiful spirits and here remained in bliss until it rejoined the body.

During its wanderings it might enter into a bird, snake, or crocodile, or anything else that happened to be near. The soul had to affirm that it had not committed any of 42 sins which are specified. We will name but a few, such as theft, violence, killing men, short measure of corn, found no fault, falsehood, never caused any one to weep tears of sorrow, never eaten his heart (lying), never meditated upon iniquity, entered conspiracy, accused any man of crime, never angry without cause, uttered curses, or spoken in hot anger, never blasphemed God, never committed fraud, robbed the dead or robbed the gods of their offerings. Surely, religion is a common inheritance. Pictures of some of the people of Canaan show us what kind of soldiers Joshua and his army had to contend with before they could occupy the promised land.

Second Kings 3: 4, tells us of Mesha, King of Moab and the Moabite stone corroborates the record. Discoveries prove the existence of Ahab, Benhadad and Jehu. Sargon II. tells of his capture of Samaria and Ashdod. Nebuchadnezzar left records of his own exploits, and Cyrus tells us of the fall of Babylon, and these agree with Old Testament accounts. The Palace of Susa is found to be as described in the Book of Esther. The Old Testament denounced Baal worship in no uncertain terms. Many have thought the Bible account to be, to say the least, an exaggeration, but the Phoenician records show this worship to have been more revolting than we had supposed. Living so long with and near other nations, many foreign words crept into the language of the Hebrews. They carried with them their original meaning. Recent discoveries make possible an understanding of these words, thus throwing great light on the Hebrew text.

Such finds will soon make necessary another translation of the Scriptures. Prof. Ira D. Price of Chicago Uni-

versity, says: "Our old Old Testament has now become a marvelously new Old Testament." This same writer has also said: "The veracity and authenticity of that old book, suspected and challenged, stand unimpeached before the testimony of nations hostile to Israel. These ancient words, chiseled in everlasting rocks, echoing down through 40 centuries of time, set their seal of approval on the truth of the Holy Scriptures. With Egypt on the east, Phoenicia and the Hittites on the north, we have a solid square of uninterested, unimpeachable and ever-increasing testimony to the verity and authenticity of the books of the Old Testament."



ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Sunday-school had a very pleasant picnic at White Oak Grove.

The Penny-a-Day Society gave its regular entertainment week before last.

The Men's Club keeps open doors during the summer evenings.

The Girls' Friendly Society takes a vacation during August.

The Sunday-school reopens September 4.

While our rector is absent on his vacation, the curate can be found at the parish house.

Two of our former scholars and workers were at church last Sunday, Chester Tennant of Alaska, and John Monks of Australia.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The chorus of the choir is enjoying a vacation for the month of July. The quartet has its holiday during August.

The Sunday-school went on its annual picnic Thursday, July 7, to Laurel Park. The day was greatly enjoyed by the children, and all who attended, in the various amusements provided. A game of base ball took place between different departments of the boys in the school. About one hundred children were present.

The Sunday-school held its last session, before vacation, on Sunday, July 3. The school will resume its work in the fall.

The rector will have his vacation during August. Rev. Henry Quimby of Cincinnati, will officiate in the church services on three of the Sunday mornings in August, and the Rev.

L. R. Sheffield, of Woodbury, on one Sunday. There will be no afternoon services in the church during the rector's vacation.

With the issue of the June number of the "Parish of the Good Shepherd," the paper completes its tenth volume. The rector, Rev. Geo. T. Linsley, who is the editor, feels convinced that the paper has been, during these ten years, a valuable medium of instruction and help to the parish. The paper was started by the late Rev. Mr. Bristol with a high standard of excellence. The paper will be continued, and it is hoped it will be well read and may be a means of instruction and help upon subjects of practical morals and church teachings, as well as interesting in a record of strictly parish affairs.

FIRST METHODIST.

The laying of the corner stone of the new First Methodist church, on Farmington avenue, took place Thursday afternoon, June 30. The order of service was as follows: Ritual Address, by Rev. W. A. Richard, Presiding Elder; singing by congregation; prayer from the ritual; responsive reading of Scriptures; Gloria Patri; reading of the lesson, I Cor. 3: 9-23; singing by congregation; address, by Rev. W. A. Richard; presentation of the box and statement of its contents and laying of stone by the pastor, Rev. Charles W. McCormick; prayer; doxology; benediction. The pastor was assisted by the following pastors of the city: Rev. J. A. Macmillan, Rev. D. W. Howell, Rev. B. B. Brown.

Mr. A. M. Waldron, secretary of the Sunday-school, has recovered from his sickness and is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hipple are on their vacation. Before returning they will visit at the home of Rev. George Scrivenor, a former member of our church.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

On June 19, was held the last meeting of the Young People's Society, until September. Our pastor had charge of the service and made the topic for the evening very interesting.

June 26 the communion service was celebrated, as Dr. Parker could not be here July 3. He and his wife sailed for a two months' vacation abroad, on June 30. We sincerely hope the rest will be beneficial to both.

Dr. Cooper, formerly of New Britain, gave us a fine sermon on July 3, and President Luther of Trinity College, on July 10, was equally good.

There will be no services during the month of August.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Kelsey, with his family, left for their vacation on Monday, July 11. They expect to be at Inlet, N. Y., until September. Inlet is on the seventh Lake Fulton chain, in the Adirondacks.

Our pulpit will be supplied during the summer, as follows: July 17, Rev. Philip C. Walcott, Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter; July 24, Rev. Joel S. Ives; July 31, Rev. H. D. Sleeper. A musical service will be held in the evening with Mr. Raymond in charge; August 7, 14, 28, Rev. H. B. Roberts; August 27, Rev. Wm. S. Kelsey.

Mr. Gillette will respond to any calls for pastoral work until August. Mr. S. W. Raymond will have pastoral care of the church and its work during August.

The Yoke Fellows will conduct open air services during the summer, at the corner of Main and Windsor streets, just before our evening service. They will be glad of assistance from any one.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school and Endeavor Society will hold no more sessions until September.

Mrs. H. W. Alden, who has been seriously ill, is greatly improved.

The Endeavor Society held a lawn party recently, but owing to frequent showers it was poorly patronized.

Rev. J. W. Cooper and Prof. M. W. Jacobus will supply our pulpit during the pastor's vacation.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The Sunday-school will hold its picnic at Rainbow Park on Wednesday, July 13, starting at 9.22 a. m.

The first quarterly conference of the year will be held at the church on Sunday afternoon, June 17.

During the months of July and August our vesper service is held at 6 p. m., every Sunday evening.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our Sunday-school held its annual picnic at Laurel Park.

Some of the members of the C. E. Society went to Unionville with the Hartford Union, for the outing at Suburban Park.

Some of our members are away on their vacations.

Quite a number who were formerly members of the Memorial Baptist church attended the anniversary exercises on Sunday evening, July 10.

The C. E. Society expects to hold

an ice cream social during the coming week.

One of the members, Mr. Charles Paddock, who has been for so long a time in the Klondike, is among us again.

Our church has voted to discontinue the Sunday evening services until October 1.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

We are very glad to report that seven persons were received into the church at our communion service on July 3.

Rev. Junius Judson and family, who have recently returned from Hang Chow, China, where they are stationed under the Presbyterian Board, are spending the summer in Windsor.

The Christian Endeavor officers for the ensuing six months are as follows: President, Claude Beardslee; vice-president, Ralph Hudson; treasurer, Gerald Wrisley; secretary, May H. Barber.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Pastor Connell has been granted the month of July for a vacation and we all wish him a pleasant time.

It is expected that the Rev. Harold Pattison will preach at the chapel the first and third Sunday evenings in July.

The Sunday-school picnic took place on Tuesday, June 28, at Laurel Park. There was a large representation from the chapel and all had an enjoyable time.

On Friday evening, June 24, the Missionary Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. arranged for a stereopticon lecture on "India and the Telegus." The apparatus was loaned by Rev. Harold Pattison and was operated by Edward G. Hutchinson and J. Coolidge Hills. Edward C. Fowler described the scenes. The pictures were very fine and the subject was interesting as a study of the missionary work in that portion of India.

A concert was given by the Sunday-school, entitled "Nature's Garden," on Sunday evening, June 19, under the direction of the superintendent, Myrton T. Smith, assisted by L. A. Wiley. The recitations by the children were finely rendered, and the singing was much enjoyed. The chapel choir, under the leadership of J. Vincent Freeman, assisted in the singing. Rev. J. B. Connell, at the close of the exercises, briefly addressed the school upon the "Significance of Children's Day." There was a large attendance.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The annual picnic of Christ church Sunday-school was an unqualified success. Upwards of three hundred of the children and their teachers and friends enjoyed the outing, which took place on Tuesday, June 28, at Hanover Park, Meriden. Although the sky was overcast, the many resources of this popular resort furnished abundant amusement to all, and everybody had a good time.

The Christ Church Crusaders have been very active this summer, playing a number of games of base ball with considerable success, and holding business and social meetings on Thursday evenings, at the commodious rooms at 15 Church street. Ping-pong, music, and various games serve to make the time pass pleasantly. On Thursday evening, July 14, a special social evening, with refreshments, has been planned, for which an informal program has been prepared.

The improvements in Christ church have at last been finished. They consist of the new organ, which, although not the largest, is certainly one of the finest instruments in Hartford; the very complete and up-to-date system of electric lighting, including very handsome and elaborate antique brass fixtures throughout the church; and the completion of the wood-work in the chancel, by repeating on the organ side the graceful wooden screen which has long been one of the features of the church on the baptistery side of the chancel. The total cost of these improvements has not yet been announced, but it is, undoubtedly, considerable. Already rumors are rife that further improvements and enrichment of the church and parish house may be undertaken in the near future, which will be duly chronicled whenever they materialize.

It is interesting to note that the confirmation class at Christ church this year, fifty-six, was the largest in the Diocese of Connecticut.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The regular Sunday-school picnic in June was followed by a number of enjoyable and well attended class picnics.

The Riverside Park meetings, in which members of our church take great interest, began the last Sunday in June with a large number in attendance.

The monthly meetings of our Sunday-school teachers will be omitted during July and August and the school will be taught as one class during that time.

The mothers' meetings closed for the summer on June 29, after having a picnic at Elizabeth Park on the 22d.

We had much satisfaction in sharing the celebration of the Memorial Baptist church, of their anniversary, recently. Our pastor and others gave short addresses.

Our Young People's Association contemplates giving a moonlight excursion about July 26.

NORTH METHODIST.

The congregations on Sunday mornings show that many people are away on vacations.

Rev. D. W. Howell preached out of town last Sunday, and the pulpit was

filled by the Rev. Mr. Wheelock of the Asylum Hill Congregational church, who preached a very helpful sermon.

Mrs. D. W. Howell and family are at their summer cottage at Southold, L. I., for the summer. Mr. Howell will join them in August.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Havens have returned from their wedding trip and are living on Sargeant street.

The Sunday-school picnic to Glen Grove was a very enjoyable affair and was largely patronized. The thanks of the school are tendered to ex-Commodore William H. Watrous, who kindly furnished the boat.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Wednesday, June 15, a lawn party was held at M. E. Kern's, under the auspices of the King's Daughters. A good time was experienced, and a neat little sum realized.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school was held at White Oak, Tuesday, June 28, and was a pronounced success.

The new bell for the church arrived and was put in place on July 1, and proves a great improvement on the old one.

Another lawn party is to be held on the church grounds, Tuesday, July 12.

During the summer months the Christian Endeavor and the regular church evening services are consolidated and the meetings are proving to be of more than ordinary interest.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

During the months of July and August the Epworth League and evening services are merged in a Twilight Service, from 6.30 to 7.30 every Sunday evening, with special music and a short sermon by the pastor.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Rainbow Park, Friday, July 1, and although the day was threatening, there was a good attendance, and a good time is reported.

Several of our young people are to attend the Chautauqua meetings at Plainville Camp Ground, which begin this week.

Mrs. Macmillan entertained the members of the Junior League at a lawn party at her home one afternoon recently.

BLUE HILLS AVE. CHAPEL.

The Rev. J. Merle Davis and Mrs. Davis have severed their connection with the chapel work here. They will be held in loving remembrance by those with and for whom they have worked during the past year.

After spending some time in study in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Davis expect to go to Japan, as workers in the missionary field.

Mr. Hollings, the new pastor, preached a practical and helpful sermon on the evening of July 10, to an appreciative audience from this section and representatives from the city churches. Mr. and Mrs. Hollings expect to move to Blue Hills avenue soon. An extension and deepening of the work here is expected under their direction.

The Sunday-school has been closed for July and August.

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IS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WANING?

The wondrous growth of the C. E. movement for several years seems, in some quarters, to have had a reaction, although, happily, there is little evidence of such being the case in this locality. It may be that it is destined to pass in God's own good time, but not until its mission has been fulfilled. In some respects it has doubtless already fulfilled a mission, notably in the way it has brought young people to the front in church life, and that, too, without retiring or antagonizing their elders. What the future has in store for it cannot be foretold, but already it has a past which has fully justified its existence. The Herald and Presbyter says:

From many quarters comes the expression that the Christian Endeavor movement is rapidly waning. There is no doubt about it. Multiplied meetings and great conventions have had their day, as directed in the early days of the organization. This does not mean that the work or religious life of the young people in the churches is passing away. Far from it. There has been an enthusiasm over a movement that seemed to some to mean a winning of the young people from the life and control of the church. It had its day. It did good in many ways. The young people are still with us to be trained. Most of the young people of ten, fifteen and twenty years ago belong to the middle-aged classes of the church. The work will go on, in some form and under some name, under the direct control of the churches, just as the Sabbath-school does. It is a branch of work for each local church and denomination, rather than for outside organization and direction.

DR. MORGAN AT NORTHFIELD.

The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D., the noted English preacher, who for some years has been known in America as a Northfield speaker and a leader in the Northfield Extension work, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Westminster Chapel, London, England. During his stay in this country Dr. Morgan has traveled widely and has won general commendation both as a preacher and as a conservative scholar. He is the author of several religious books, the most important of which is "The Crises of the Christ." His work, however, in England, will not begin until some time in the fall, thus enabling him to fulfill the engagements which had been announced at the Northfield gatherings this summer. As in past years he will be one of the lecturers in the Northfield Summer Bible School. His courses are published to begin about July 5th. During the Young Women's Conference, July 12-19, he gives a series of lectures on "Jesus and Womanhood." Later, at the time of the Northfield Summer School for Sunday-school workers, July 16-25, he will speak on "Bible Study." And at the General Conference of Christian Workers in August, he is again scheduled as one of the principal Auditorium preachers. This will terminate his present engagement in the United States. It is understood, however, that his acceptance of the English church will not, necessarily, cause him to discontinue his midsummer evangelical work in Northfield.

INDETERMINATE SENTENCES.

A recent meeting of the Hartford Federation of Churches was addressed by Warden Garvin of the State Prison, his subject being the indeterminate sentence law. His address, in part, brought out the following facts and conclusions:

The law became operative in this state on August 1, 1901, and under it 350 convicts have thus far been committed to the State Prison.

He showed that the interval between the expiration of the minimum and the maximum sentences was on the average too small to permit the satisfactory working out of the principle of parole. He suggested that the law should be so amended that the minimum and maximum terms should not be fixed by the courts but should conform to the penalties prescribed by the statutes for the crime under which sentence is passed. Under that arrangement the period between the minimum and maximum sentences would be longer than it is now and a better opportunity to apply parole and reformatory tests would be supplied. The warden made an interesting comparison of the length of sentences under the determinate and the indeterminate law. The average term in the case of the last 100 men convicted under the definite sentence law was three years, three months and 22 days, which is only about six months more than the minimum sentence of the last 100 men committed under the new law.

The warden expressed confidence in the substantial value of a reformatory if it is properly constructed, equipped and managed. He believed, however, that Connecticut's greatest need is a reformatory for misdemeanants rather than for felons. He held that the quicker the misdemeanants are gathered in and subjected to reformatory treatment the better the results. He was confident that money invested in this way would result in a perceptible decrease of crime.

"CHRISTENING" THE "CONNECTICUT."

What will the people of Connecticut have to say concerning the "christening" of the battleship to be named in honor of the state? In the first place, to those who observe and honor the religious rite of christening, does it not savor of impiety to apply this name to a senseless ceremony over a battleship? And does it lend additional dignity or holiness to the occasion, to use a bottle of champagne in performing the deed?

It is truly a notable occasion when one of these warships enters its element and worthy of proper observance, but it is high time that a sense of propriety substituted a more appropriate ceremony. The substitution of water for champagne has often been suggested, but is it not more important that something be substituted for the whole mock ceremony of "christening"?

This is another season to exercise your humane instincts toward dumb animals. Last winter was a hard season for them and it gave to many persons an opportunity to replace a blanket, or scatter crumbs, or to shelter a chilled cat. Now comes the other extreme of weather and a shady spot for the horse to stand should be found, if possible, a hat to protect his head, abundant opportunities for him to obtain water and for the dogs, as well. Let's all be Good Samaritans to our four-footed friends, as opportunity offers, this summer.

To all on vacations,—pastors and people, alike,—a good rest; a good time in a true sense; a closer intimacy with nature; a clearing of all cobwebs, mental, physical and spiritual; an abundant storage of energy for the days to come; a happy and hearty reunion at home, when vacation days are over! Accept these good wishes from The Church Review.

It is probable that the portrait of a new Editor may appear in the August Review, and that his words may appear in these columns. The present Editor will still retain a friendly interest in this department, however, and occasionally, perhaps, get in a line or two to keep his hand in.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The summer season brings with it its own duties and responsibilities. The number of applicants is still large and are from men who are out of work but who are willing to work, and most of whom are fully capable. They generally succeed in getting something to do after a while and meantime are employed at the Open Hearth to pay for board and lodging. The meetings are well attended for the season. During the absence of Supt. Miller, who has been obliged, through sickness brought on by overwork, to take a rest for a while, the services of our old friend, Samuel W. Raymond, have been secured.

Mr. Raymond delivers the address and leads the Sunday evening meetings and takes charge of the gospel wagon work each Sunday afternoon. Rev. James Goodwin takes charge as usual of the Wednesday evening meetings and his addresses are always listened to with attention and have done much good. The general work

of the Open Hearth is progressing. The wood yard and lodging house, the lunch room and garden, are all a source of help to those who need a helping hand on their way through life. The children's meeting is changed from Thursday to Friday evening and is fully attended. In fact everything is progressing as usual at the Open Hearth, although all miss dear Supt. Miller and pray for his speedy recovery and return to the work in which he so delights and for which he is so eminently fitted.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Our Sunday-school and evening preaching service are discontinued through July and August.

The Thursday evening meetings are well attended.

On Children's Sunday, the collection for the 1904 coal bill amounted to \$32. June 14, Miss Fannie White Strong gave an entertainment, the proceeds of which finished paying for the coal bill.

On July 1, the annual picnic was held at Laurel Park, and all who attended had a very enjoyable time.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

On the evening of June 10, a large audience met in the church to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Stone's pastorate. Deacon Preston presided. Brief addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Twitchell and Rev. Mr. Miel, pastors of neighboring churches, also by Rev. Mr. Pattison, of the mother church, and Rev. Mr. Main of the South church. Dr. Stone was presented with a loving cup and purse of gold, and Mrs. Stone was the recipient of a well-furnished writing desk, accompanied with another purse of gold. After a response to these gifts by Dr. Stone, the pastor and his wife were escorted to the parlor, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and there received the hundreds who passed through to take them by the hand. The evening was one long to be remembered in the history of the church.

The following Sunday, Dr. Stone preached an anniversary sermon, reviewing the past, dwelling at some length on the lives of those who had "passed within the gates."

Saturday, June 18, the Sunday-school had its annual picnic. Two special cars left at 9.15 for Lake Compounce, where the day proved all that could be desired, both in weather and social enjoyment.

June 19 was observed as Children's Day, Dr. Stone preaching to the children on birds. A large class from the primary room received diplomas and entered the intermediate department.

July 10, Dr. Stone was privileged to baptize two of his grandchildren, Malcom and Pauline Stone.

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nished with roll-top office desks, and every pupil carries a key to his desk. The books of the College Bank in this Department are kept with as great accuracy and care as the books of any bank in the city. The Bank and all other offices in this Department are under the supervision of an experienced teacher who has had special and practical training in this line of work.

Every pupil is supplied with all the books and blanks necessary to conduct his business, and receives personal instruction and help just when he needs it. By handling notes, checks, and drafts, and making the proper entries in his books and looking after his Bank Account, he becomes very greatly interested, and the work is really a pleasure. This Department, under the direction of its manager, has a splendid appearance—seventy-five pupils, each seated at his office desk, and hard at work. It is truly a HIVE OF INDUSTRY.



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The equipment in every department is complete. The course of study and methods of instruction are thorough and up-to-date. No teacher is retained in the faculty who is not a specialist in the work of which he has charge, or that does not take a personal interest in the welfare of the pupils under him.

Mr. E. M. Huntsinger, the President of the school is thoroughly familiar with the details of every department and spends several hours daily teaching in the schoolroom. The work of the past year has reached a higher grade than the work of any preceding year in the history of the school, and by employing only the best teachers to be found, the work of the coming year will be superior to that of the past.

The pupils are of the brightest and most intelligent young men and young women in the state, and after graduating secure splendid positions. The advantages of the Situation Department are not surpassed by those of any other business school in New England. Mr. Huntsinger's interest in his pupils does not cease when he presents them with a Diploma. He is not satisfied until every graduate is located in a good paying position.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On Friday, July 8, the Sunday-school enjoyed a picnic at Laurel Park.

The twentieth anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated on Sunday, July 10. Our pastor's address in the morning was of special interest as a historical sketch and also in the desire he expressed for the greater usefulness of the church in the future.

At the Sunday-school session, two former superintendents of the school, Mr. Herbert H. White and Mr. H. H. Dickinson, spoke of the work of the Sunday-school in the past.

At the evening service, Rev. S. G. Hastings, of the Olivet church, offered prayer. Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke on "The Church and the Ministry." Words of greeting were also spoken by Rev. Dr. Geo. M. Stone and Rev. Harold Pattison. Those who attended the services of the day will long remember this anniversary.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Sunday-school was brought to a close on June 19, for the summer, to be resumed September 11.

The offering for the day, amounting to over \$26, was given to the Slocum Relief Fund.

Our annual picnic was held at Hanover Park, on June 18, and proved no less a success than in former years, no less than 225 starting from the station in the morning. These were joined by others who came on later trains, among whom was Walter Mitchell, our former secretary, who came down from Maine just in time to spend the afternoon with us.

Base ball games between the Sunday-school and choir, and picked nines, consumed the forenoon of the older boys who did not go rowing; while others kept the 'money changers' busy at the merry-go-round and switchback.

The rector's new assistant, Rev. Mr. Todd, is expected to be with us about the middle of July, shortly after which Rev. Mr. Miel will take his vacation.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL,
EAST HARTFORD.

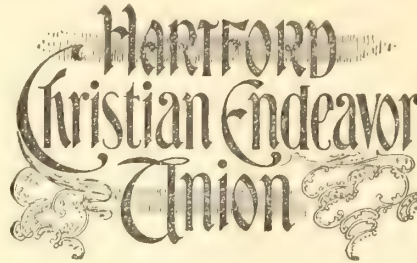
At the July communion service, Mrs. Arthur E. Barber and Miss Ruth V. Adams were admitted to the church on profession of faith, and Mrs. Alice P. Stone by letter from the Winthrop Congregational church in Charlestown, Mass.

The new electric lights in the small chapel, installed by the men's class, make a great improvement in the illumination and convenience of the room.

The untimely death of William H. Goodwin, by drowning, at Northfield, where he was attending a students' conference, has cast a gloom over the whole community. He was a young man of rarely beautiful character and of extraordinary promise. His career as a student had been very brilliant and his death is felt as a personal loss by almost the entire town.

The graduating exercises of the Morse Business College, on the evening of June 30, was a notable occasion and in every respect a credit to Principal Morse and his able associates.

The Business Department, cleared of its roll-top desks, made an excellent hall, but was utterly inadequate to accommodate the hundreds who sought admission. Music was furnished by the Beeman-Hatch orchestra, and exhibitions of work were given by students. The feature of the evening, however, was the address of Principal Morse on "Setting Sail on a Business Career," in which he placed a high ideal before his graduates.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

I have but a few words for you at this time, in regard to our State Convention which will be held October 7, 8 and 9.

We must make a pronounced success of it, and, in order to do so, we must all do what we can to further its interests.

Do not overlook my suggestions in the June letter, in regard to raising funds by socials, to go into our Treasurer's hands for convention purposes. We shall need a good amount.

We have had good returns from a number of our societies, returns that are very pleasing.

Do not wait until the last minute.

Yours in C. E.,

ALBERT H. BROOKS,

President.

HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The summer meeting of the Union was held at Suburban Park, Unionville, Saturday, June 25, special cars leaving City Hall, at 1 p. m., for the accommodation of Endeavorers and friends. Upon arrival at the park, a photograph was taken of the party.

Lunch was served in the pavilion, following which, a musical and literary entertainment was provided. Misses Allis and Burton, of the Wethersfield Avenue Congregational church, adding to its success in no small measure. The ladies' quartet from the Windsor Avenue Congregational church gave several selections in a delightful manner. Rev. C. H. Ewing spoke relative to his return to China and Rev. Mr. Erickson on India.

After the entertainment a ball game interested all until the time to depart for home.

All enjoyed a good time and it is hoped we may repeat this outing again.

The time is drawing nearer each day for the Convention. Let us give it the support we should.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning July 17.

Topic.—The world's gain through universal peace.—Ps. xlvii, 9-11; Isa. ii, 2-4.

Universal, worldwide peace would be the greatest blessing that ever came upon the human race. Yet how improbable it seems. The elements of nature are at war. In the heart and life of the same person there is constant conflict; among the nations and races of the world strife and contention are ever present. "Wars and rumors of wars" are ever with us; the sword is scarcely ever sheathed, and the soldier has little else than dreams of rest. Nor among the people of God, over whom the Prince of Peace rules, is there unity of faith and love. Instead of being one in Christ, they are divided and subdivided time and time again. But let us also remember that war has not always been an unmitigated evil nor has peace always been necessarily a great blessing. The law of life, in our universe at least, is development through struggle. Conflict develops character, and often is necessary to bring out the best that is in nature or in man. Yet the goal of life is peace and not warfare, a time when we shall no longer need struggle to develop or perfect our lives, but when, having reached a point of superior excellence, the pursuits of peace shall appeal to us more strongly than the battle din of war.

It is well to remember also that war and its issues are in the hands of an infinite and all wise God. "He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire." When will He do this for the whole world? Men differ as to whether it will be before the coming of Christ or after His coming. But God knows, God has promised, and He will bring it to pass in His own time, and in His own way, and when it comes it will redound to His honor and glory. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

In his prophecy of universal peace, Isaiah comprehensively sets forth the gain to the world through such peace. "He (God) shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people." This is the preliminary step. God shall take charge of the nations. The purposes of war having ceased He shall control all the nations for peace, with the result that "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (scythes); nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." What a tremendous gain to humanity if this condition should be brought about. God should occupy His proper place among all men and nations. War should give place to the arts and sciences. The immense sums

of money now spent for standing armies and navies in peace and in war could be invested in the pursuits of peace and in the betterment and uplifting of humanity. Why, even the instruments of war could be turned into tools of usefulness. The swords that destroyed human life in war could be beaten into plowshares to cut up the earth for the support of human life, and the spears which in war cut down men could be turned into scythes that they might cut down grain for man's preservation. Let us work and pray for the hastening of the time when these prophecies shall be fulfilled and there shall be brought about through Christ, the Prince of Peace, the realization of the angel's song at His birth, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

BIBLE READINGS.

Num. vi, 22-26; Isa. ix, 6, 7; Jer. xxxi, 7-9; Isa. xxvi, 1-3; Ps. xxix, 1-11; Nah. 1, 15; Luke ii, 14; John xiv, 27.

Ohio's President.

Ohio is justly proud of its talented young leader in state work. Rev. J. E.



REV. J. E. FOUT.

Fout of Fostoria is a West Virginian by birth and an active Endeavorer in every sense of the word. He gained prominence in the District of Columbia union. He has also been president of the Ohio union since 1902. Last year, with the field secretary, he made a tour of twenty cities in the state and raised over \$1,200 for the spread of Christian Endeavor in Ohio.

The Great Need.

The great need of our country societies is not the need of a more complex organization, of more variety in our meetings, of more committees, of more members on our rolls. These are very important considerations, but really minor secondary details. What we need most of all in order to be successful soul winners for Christ is to drop the spirit of these little, petty importances which sometimes burden our minds and get into vital union with the great source of all true Christian endeavor—Christ Himself. We need to be filled with His Spirit, and then, and only then, we shall be strengthened for quiet, prayerful, persistent, individual work, without which no society is of any value.—Miss Maggie Anderson in Irish Endeavorer.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning July 24.

Topic.—How to break down the spirit of caste.—Jas. ii, 1-9; Matt. xxiii, 8-12.

If we were asked the question, "Where does the caste system prevail

to the greatest extent and to the greatest detriment to human life?" we would respond, "In India." The answer would be correct. The system of caste or of the separation of the people into classes with impassable gulfs between them has been the curse of India for centuries. Here the system of caste has reached its highest development, to the greatest detriment of the people, socially, politically and industrially. Next to India the caste system has been more thoroughly developed in countries where despotic and monarchical forms of government have existed and do still exist. But let us thank God that the system of caste is being gradually undermined. In England, Germany and France the aristocratic classes are being leveled down, while the common people are being leveled up, with the result that class distinctions are less and less marked and influential. And even in India there are not wanting signs that the system of caste is being strongly affected by English rule and the gospel of Christ. God speed the day when it shall fall like a house built of sand under the storm of God's wrath.

In America we would expect to see no class system, but, alas, even here, we have the spirit of caste, if not a developed caste system. How often we hear the expression "the classes and the masses," "the capitalists and the laborers," as if they were separate and distinct classes of people. But the saving grace of this fact in our land is the constant exchange of places. One day a man may belong to the masses and the next day to the classes and vice versa—one day he may be a laborer, the next a capitalist and vice versa. The spirit of industrial caste will not be very ruinous as long as such changes are possible. But we also have a social caste spirit. "Our set" is a common phrase.

But probably the worst form of the caste spirit in our land is the financial one. The rich man is looked upon as a demigod, while the poor man is shown into a back seat, even in our churches. James cries out against it, and so should we. What is more disgusting than to see a man who is ignorant, coarse and sometimes even vulgar wielding undue influence in church, state and society simply because he has sacrificed everything in life to lay up money or because by some hook or crook he has suddenly grown rich? Not that a man, simply because he has money, should have no place in the affairs of life, but only his just place. Why should money ride over character, brains, ability and great achievements in the pursuits of life where money is not a reward for service? It should not, but it has grown in doing so until today it would be a dangerous and threatening element in our national life were it not for two other factors that need to be considered—(1) God and (2) the middle classes. As long as the Lord is our God and we continue to have a strong, healthy middle class, we need fear no evil, though Mammon be the ruling god of so many who cringe

and cower before the golden calf even in greater humiliation than did the ancient Israelites.

How may this spirit of caste in our land be broken down? Two methods are suggested. (1) The people should not unduly exalt men who occupy important positions or those who are rich. The church, the state and society should treat every man as a man, regardless of whether he is rich or poor or in high or low position. God is no respecter of persons. Why should we be? (2) Those who for the time occupy high place or possess great wealth should remember that "one is their master, even Christ," and that with God as their common Father all men are brethren. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man should make it impossible for any man to take advantage of his position in life to impose upon his fellow men, to degrade and humiliate them to suit his whims and purposes. The man who does so will find that God will take a part in the game before it is finished.

BIBLE READINGS.

Lev. xix, 15; Deut. i, 17; xvi, 19; Prov. xxiv, 23; Matt. vi, 24; Luke xv, 11-22; xvi, 19-31; John xiii, 15, 16; xvii, 20, 21.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning July 31.

Topic.—An evening with Burma and Siam.—Isa. xxxv, 1-10.

China and India are two empires well known throughout the world. But between them, in the extreme southeast corner of Asia, is Indo-China, which is far less widely known. Siam occupies the central and larger part of this region, with Burma on the west and Cochin China on the east, including also the peninsula of Malay.

The people belong to the same family as the Chinese, having also some features of likeness to the natives of India. "They are a gentle, passive, rather weak race, given to dissimulation and very conceited, but they are reverential to the aged, especially to parents, are kind to their children, liberal in almsgiving, orderly and peaceable. They have quick but not very strong minds, and are said to be more receptive than the Chinese." The women have no limitations placed about them, as in most oriental countries. They may go about as they please, but they are considered so inferior to men that they are not educated. Polygamy exists, and divorces are easily obtained.

The climate is very genial and equable. The average temperature is 81 degrees. There are a rainy season and a dry season. Vegetable and animal life are abundant. "It claims to be the garden land of the world—the land of fruits and flowers and of never ending summer, with grand old trees overshadowing every hamlet, and plant life in fullest variety bursting on every side from the fertile soil. The water swarms with fish, and the air with insects, while all manner of tropical birds and beasts exist in teeming multitudes. Especially is Siam the land of elephants."

Siam is the stronghold of Buddhism. Though called a religion, yet it is not so, for it is atheistical, as it recognizes no God, in our sense of the word, and no soul. It teaches the doctrine of transmigration the passage of life from one form to another until it at last reaches a state of unconscious existence, which is the Buddhist's heaven, Nirvana. The life produced by the Buddhist system is one of gross immorality and of spiritual darkness and despair.

Protestant missions were commenced in Siam by Ann Hazeltine Judson. She became interested in some Siamese at Rangoon, where she then resided. She prepared a catechism in the Siamese language, translated the Burman catechism, a tract on Christianity and the gospel of Matthew into Siamese. But Siam even long after this was regarded simply as an avenue of approach into China. In 1828 direct Siamese work was begun by Dr. Carl Gutzlaff, then of the Netherland Missionary society. Others later entered the field, but today the Presbyterian church alone has missionaries in Siam. The darkness of Buddhism makes the light of Christianity imperative both to Siam and Burma. Let us "send the light" that they, too, may be won for Christ.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. iii, 15; Isa. ii, 1-4; iii, 7; Nah. i, 15; Ps. cxxxv, 15-21; Matt. xxviii, 19, 20; Acts xiii, 46-52; Rom. i, 18-25; x, 14, 15; Rev. xxii, 17.

Under the leadership of Trinity College Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, three Chapters in Hartford have formed a Probationary Local Assembly. The committee which had been appointed to confer with the rectors of the various parishes about organizing new Chapters reported that the indications are that it will be possible to start Junior Chapters in all and Senior Chapters in most of them, and that all the rectors wanted them. Men were appointed who will be personally responsible for the organization of the new Chapters.

The Baptist Young People's Union held its convention in Detroit, July 6 to 10. Dr. A. C. Dixon preached the opening sermon. The Baptist young people had the whole country to themselves this year, so far as any large convention of young people is concerned. They are able to make quite a stir even in so large a space, and did it.

The Young People's Union of the United Presbyterian church has just closed a large and successful convention in St. Joseph, Mo. Among the "star" speakers were District Attorney Joseph Folk, of St. Louis, and Dr. J. F. Carson, of Brooklyn.

At the annual session of the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist church at Providence this week, the invitation of the Hartford union to hold the national convention in this city, July 12 to 19, 1905, was accepted.

The Japanese general staff permitted six Japanese and six foreign Y. M. C. A. men to go to the front with the newspaper correspondents, enjoying the same privileges. They have established tents provided with correspondence materials, reading matter, musical instruments, games, and religious services.

One of the most prominent missionaries in China says in a letter just received: "The war furnishes a little variety, and the successes of the Japanese astonish and stimulate the Chinese. If Japan is victorious, I think we have reason to expect in the days of peace a vigorous growth of new ideas in China and the rapid enlargement of the Kingdom. The empress now stands in the way; but by that time I think the momentum will sweep even her out of the way, and a new day will dawn for China."

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

One of the pleasantest of surprises awaited the church on the morning of July 10, as we assembled for worship. Rev. A. C. Johnson of Boston, Secretary of the American Advent Mission Society, is making a hasty tour of the churches, with Miss Bertha Cassidy, who, with her sister, sails this month for China to join her parents in missionary labor. The parents have been for several years successful workers in Wuhu and vicinity, while the daughters have been in this country completing their education. As Miss Cassidy had spent her childhood in China, she was able to interest the Sunday-school in telling of child life there.

The annual meeting of the local branch of the Christian Burden Bearers was held at the church Monday evening, July 11, and officers were elected for the coming year. There were no changes, Rev. A. J. Culver remaining as president, and F. L. Adams, as secretary and treasurer.

Rev. Geo. M. Teeple was chosen delegate to the annual meeting of the Christian Burden Bearers, to be held at Alton Bay, N. H., in August.

Sunday, July 17, Rev. G. L. Teeple of Wyben, Mass., is expected to occupy the pulpit morning and evening.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Potter, is spending his vacation at Black Point. On Fridays and Saturdays he is at his study in the city to see any who may wish to confer with him.

The Young People's Society held its last regular meeting of the season on Sunday, June 19.

The annual outing and picnic of Waburton Sunday-school was well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Sunday morning and Thursday evening services will be continued as usual during the summer. On Thursday evening, August 4, a lecture, preparatory for the communion on the following Sunday, will be given.

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual picnic was held at Snipsic Lake, Rockville, on Saturday, June 18. A special car left the City Hall at 9 a. m., and the Lake at 4 p. m. A large number of the Sunday-school and Society went. The weather was delightful and a very enjoyable day was spent.

The closing service of the season was held Sunday, June 19. The choir was assisted by Miss Brandagee, violinist, whose fine offertory selection was much enjoyed. She also accompanied the choir. They sang, beside the voluntary and congregational hymns, several anthems, and closed with a fine rendering of "God be with you till we meet again."

Mr. Waite gave notice that services would be resumed September 25.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION.

The Young People's Association of the First Baptist church will give a moonlight excursion on the steamer Madeleine on Monday evening, July 25. Individuals or small private parties can obtain tickets at 50 cents each by addressing "Social Committee, Box 441, Hartford, Conn."

Mr. Hale, owner of the very pretty excursion steamer, Madeleine, is meeting with pleasing success this season. About 60 dates have thus far been booked with a greater prospect for August and September. It is an assured fact that if any of the church societies among the young people want to swell their treasures, there is a good chance of chartering the steamer for a moonlight sail. You practically get twice what you have to pay out, leaving a handsome profit. Then again, there is nothing more pleasant than a Sunday-school picnic on the popular steamer. The rates are low and advantage should be taken. See the adv.

Huntsinger's Business College, after sixteen years of useful existence, has been incorporated under the name of The Huntsinger Business School (Incorporated). Professor Huntsinger is president of the new corporation and he announces that there will be no change in the interior management of the school, or its efficient staff of teachers, unless in the line of even greater proficiency than heretofore.

Mr. C. F. Remsen, head of the Business Department, and two other teachers are financially interested in the new corporation, and more than ever determined to do their part toward its success.

"Anyway," snapped Mrs. Naggsby, who was getting the short end of the argument, "my judgment is better than yours."

"I'm sure it is, my dear," replied Naggsby, calmly. "Our choice of life companions supplies all the proof you need to back up that assertion."—*Chicago Daily News*.

CHARACTER TRAINING.

A Necessity in Our Schools.

All kinds of pretty accomplishments from painting, singing, drawing or knitting, to mythology, the dead languages or the histories of what people did a thousand or more years B. C., are taught in Connecticut schools, but very little attention is given to training the character of a pupil or to fitting him for the problems of a business life. Indeed, it is high time that



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we abandoned this miserable artificialism of education and took up with good wholesome sincerity those studies and principles that will teach our young men to be men in truth. It is time we gave them something that will stand by them in the hour of need. The present age demands such a training.

At this time of year many anxious parents are thinking where it is best to place their sons or daughters for the next fall and winter. Many points of advantage are claimed by different private institutions and some solicitors are out to canvas the homes for trade. The "Church Review" accordingly takes pleasure in endorsing the



methods and courses of such schools that have been tried and not found wanting. Prominent among these institutions is the Morse Business College at Hartford. It never sends out solicitors to pry into your homes and tease you for patronage. Indeed it has never had to do so because its reputation among business men is such that it is not only annually filled with a large number of respectable young men and ladies, but it also has abundant success in placing its graduates in excellent situations.

Here is a school of high moral standing and a college of character training as well as an institution that gives a most sound business education.

Principal Morse is a man of high ideals and prompt decision. He is a most resourceful teacher, possesses

abundant tact and is surrounded by a faculty of experienced men teachers of equally good principles and purity of purpose. Both Prof. Morse and his associate teachers are beloved by their students and a sense of truth and sound business ethics pervades the atmosphere of the school rooms. Send your boy to some schools and you start him on the road to ruin. Parents cannot be too careful in their selection of the course of training under which their son or daughter is to be placed.

Of course there are other good schools with recommendable points, but none, we think, that stands higher in the minds of Connecticut people as a school of thorough and clean results than the Morse Business College of Hartford.



ACTUAL BUSINESS PRACTICE DEPARTMENT AT THE MORSE COLLEGE.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

An exceptionally strong list of entertainments has been secured for the Star Course, which will be held in Post Guard Hall this coming fall and winter. The first entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, October 18, by The Campanari Company, consisting of Signor Campanari, the famous Italian baritone; Mme. Ruby Cutter Savage, soprano; Dorothy Hoyle, violiniste; and Ward Stephens, pianist. The other entertainments are as follows: Monday, October 31, Illustrated Entertainment by Roland Grant, D.D.; Friday, November 11, Melvin Robinson in one of the modern comedies; Monday, December 12, "A Day and Night with our Life Savers," an illustrated entertainment by J. E. Comerford; Wednesday, December 21, Carmen's Italian Boys and Elbert Folland, humorist; Wednesday, February 1, The Floyds, — magic, sleight-of-hand, mind-reading and other wondrous things; Wednesday, February 15, Colonial Orchestra Club of Boston; Monday, March 6, Prof. John B. DeMotte, Ph.D., "Python Eggs and the American Boy"; Wednesday, Apr. 5, Whitney Brothers Quartet and reader.

Thirty boys are enjoying themselves at Camp Jewell, West Swanzey, N. H. The party left Hartford on July 6, and will remain until July 28. The camp is under the supervision of the Boys' Department Committee, assisted by J. W. Page, Boys' Secretary, and S. Wales Dixon, Physical Director. During the encampment the Boys' Department is kept open and many of the boys avail themselves of the privileges. Special attention is given to base ball and other out-of-door sports.

The Hillyer Institute is enlarging the number of studies offered. Canoe Making, Electric Toy Making for boys, Sign Painting, Telegraphy, and Applied Art are offered for the first time. These subjects will make a total of thirty. In addition to the classes there will be three clubs.

Camera, Current Topic and Glee Club. The Current Topic is a new feature. At each meeting of this club, there will be an able presentation of some subject of vital, popular interest to the city, or country at large, by one or more speakers who have made a thorough investigation of the subject. The catalog giving full information in regard to the work will be ready for distribution by the last of this month.

The plans for the winter work are nearly completed. Judging from them it will be a busy season at the Y. M. C. A.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The work at the chapel on Village street has been carried on during the absence of Miss Bartlett, the missionary, by Miss F. D. Whiton of Tolland, Conn. The mothers' meetings and the Sunday-school are being kept up with good attendance. A number of children and mothers have been taken for car rides in the care of the sewing school teachers and others.

Special parties are planned for July, which will, it is hoped, give pleasure to a large number of women and children whose opportunities for outings are limited.

Flowers are received each week from the Flower Mission of the Union for Home Work, and these are distributed to the Sunday-school scholars each Sunday.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our Sabbath-school has accepted the invitation to unite with the Congregational school on their picnic excursion to Riverside Park, the date not yet arranged.

Our pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, has a month's vacation and has gone to take a much needed rest. The pulpit will be supplied in his absence.

The lawn festival given by the ladies, in June, was a great success, the young men also doing their part well. A chafing dish supper is in contemplation and will be given in the near future to help on the church expenses.

Our Sabbath evening meetings are led by gentlemen from Hartford.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Children's Day services on June 12, were largely attended. In the morning the pastor preached a sermon to children and baptized six. In the evening the Sunday-school rendered a special Children's Day service.

Two pretty weddings, recently held in the church, were those of Thomas W. Senior and Carrie M. Adair, on June 8, and Alonzo P. White and Nettie M. Hewitt, on July 6. On both occasions the church was beautifully decorated and a large number of friends were present.

The Sunday-school picnic in Goodwin Park, on July 4, was a pleasant occasion and a relief from the noise of the city celebration.

Many are away or about to leave for the summer outing. The pastor takes his vacation in August and the pulpit will be supplied.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of the society will be observed in October.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Wednesday evening, June 15, the Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters gave a social in the church parlors.

Sunday evening, June 19, our Children's Day exercises were held.

On Sunday morning, July 3, the pastor preached on "Our Country." The pulpit was prettily draped in red, white and blue. This was the pastor's last sermon here until September, as he has arranged to preach for other pastors in New York state during July and will spend the month of August at the Thousand Islands.

One hundred members and friends of the Bible school went on a picnic to Highland Lake on Wednesday, July 6. A very enjoyable time was had.

Sunday, July 10, quite a unique sermon was preached by Rev. E. S. Ufford, author of the famous hymn, "Throw Out the Life-Line." His subject was, "The Christian as a Life Saver." The sermon was illustrated by life-saving apparatus, some of which had seen actual service.

Our young people's meetings will be held throughout the summer, in the vestibule at the front of the church, at 6.30 p. m.

Eight new members have been received into the church since our last report, four by letter and four by baptism.

No evening preaching service will be held during July and August.

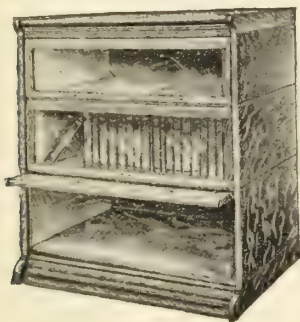
Our pulpit will be supplied during the next month by the following clergymen: July 17 and 31, Rev. L. B. Curtis, of the Massachusetts Bible Society; July 24, Rev. P. G. Wright, pastor of the First Baptist church of Norwich; August 7, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D.D., pastor Penn Ave. Baptist church, Scranton, Pa.

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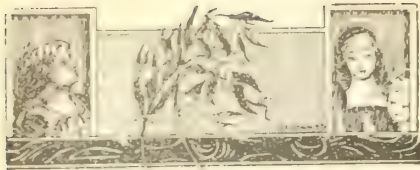
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There were forty-five in the party and a delightful time was enjoyed. It is a day of reunion with many former members of our family. Through the kindness of the "Courant Fresh Air Fund," we were furnished with valley car tickets.

Many needy ones are coming to us almost daily,—some are strangers looking for work, glad to find a safe place until a situation can be found.

Our Sabbath afternoon services are very helpful and we have a very good attendance.

This is a real home to many girls and women, and those who have gone to situations, love to visit when they have an opportunity, and many tokens of their gratefulness are received.

We have begun the distribution of flowers in our neighborhood and some plants have also been given. Work is done in various other ways in the neighborhood.

Mr. E. F. Jennison, who has charge of our Sunday-afternoon service, is at the St. Louis Fair.

Mrs. I. S. Coates and daughter, Louise, are at Ocean Grove, N. J.

As a result of a temporary organization formed at Washington, D. C. in February, 1902, an International Woman Suffrage Alliance was organized at Berlin, Germany, last month. Frau Dr. Anita Augspurg opened the meeting June 3rd, and then turned it over to Susan B. Anthony who presided. Delegates were present from organized national suffrage associa-

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tions from Great Britain, New Zealand, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Switzerland, Germany and the United States, and there were also representatives from Hungary, Austria and Finland.

The Union for Home Work reports that their Day Nursery has been taken advantage of by more mothers this season than ever before, a fact that is a most pleasing testimonial to the practical value of the plan.

August 1, a cottage in Farmington is to be opened for the use of those whom the Union aims to help.

Plans for frequent fresh-air excursions have been made and the mothers and children seem to anticipate them most pleasantly.

The Children's Aid Society opened its cottage, "Playridge," at Woodmont, last month, and the children who could be accommodated there so far have had a delightful and healthful vacation.

A committee of the ladies interested is planning to spend a day at "Playridge" shortly.

Recipes are being collected among the ladies for a recipe-book to be published and sold at the fair, for which other arrangements are also being made that will help to make it a great success.

The monthly meeting of the Home Committee was held at the office of the Society in the Cheney building, Thursday, July 14.

The Good Samaritan Society recently gave an outing at Elizabeth Park to their blind proteges, who enjoyed thoroughly the rare pleasure trip it was to many of them.

The Sunshine Society has had opportunity, through donations of cash, to give a large number of fresh air trips on the trolley to several who appreciated and enjoyed them heartily.

The Hartford Branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold no meetings in July or August. The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in September.

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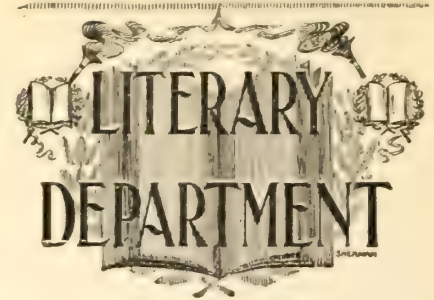
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"The Century" for July is primarily, but by no means wholly, a Fiction Number.

The opening article by Sylvester Baxter describes "The New West Point" as it is to be, with impressive drawings, done under the supervision of the architects, one of which, printed in color, is a frontispiece. This article will be a revelation to the public of the superb picturesque and monumental character of the constructions now under way.

Henry R. Elliot under the title "The Most Popular Book in the World" gives curious facts concerning the publication and distribution of the Bible.

The fiction, nearly all of which is illustrated, includes further installments of Dr. Weir Mitchell's piquant and daring "The Youth of Washington," told in the form of an autobiography, and Jack London's vivid and adventurous "The Sea-Wolf."

"Everybody's Magazine" has a feature of signal interest in the new Hall Caine serial, "The Prodigal Son," which begins in the July issue. In this story Hall Caine returns to the style of "The Manxman" and "The Deemster," in which his real successes were scored; and, to judge from the opening chapters, "The Prodigal Son" promises to be as absorbingly interesting as its great predecessors.

An interesting collection of timely portraits is contained in "The Outlook's" Magazine number for July, in addition to many special illustrated articles. Among the portraits are those of the Republican nominees for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, Admiral Van Reypen, the newly elected president of the American Red Cross, Colonel Younghusband, the British leader in Thibet, General Oku, the Japanese commander, and Nathaniel Hawthorne—the last in connection with the Hawthorne anniversary which has just taken place.

The July "Woman's Home Companion" is a souvenir number of the St. Louis Fair. It contains nine pages of picture and text descriptive of the Exposition in all its phases. Equally attractive pictorial features are the "Wash-Day of All Nations" and "Celebrating the Fourth of July in Uncle Sam's new possessions." These are the best kind of travel articles, and are supplemented by a vivacious description of "Sports on an Ocean-Liner." Mr. Baynes contributes his usual fascinating Nature talk.

The July "Pearson's" is a capital magazine for summer reading. The fiction is bright and clever, and the

articles by some of the ablest writers of the day.

The number opens with a fanciful story of oriental romance and adventure, "The Bride's Choice," by A. Sarath Kumar-Ghosh, the well-known Hindu writer. Following this is a timely campaign article by Mr. Day Allen Willey, describing the working of the complicated political machinery set in motion during a Presidential election.



Emerson Gifford Taylor, author of "A Daughter of Dale," is a Yale Doctor of Philosophy and instructor in rhetoric at Yale, his alma mater. He is a young man, born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1874. His father, John M. Taylor, is known through authoritative monographs on the French intervention in Mexico and on the work of Roger Ludlow in organizing and developing the first Connecticut constitution. The author of "A Daughter of Dale," as an undergraduate, was on the editorial board of the Yale Literary Magazine. His published writings include both verse and short stories.

The frontispiece of "The Booklovers Magazine" for July is a silver-point drawing, from life, of President Roosevelt, by Carl J. Becker, of Philadelphia. It is an excellent likeness of the President in a characteristic pose.

Adventure and recreation are prominent notes of the exceedingly timely articles which appear in this number.

As to timeliness, the articles by Dr. William Powell Wilson on "The Philippines at St. Louis"; by W. C. Jameson Reid on "The Forbidden Land" (Thibet); by Harrison Morris on "A Great German Portrait - Painter" (Lenbach); and by H. D. Jones on "Gods, Gems, and Mascots"—descriptive of the life of the late Maxwell Sommerville—are typical.

The Castaway. By Hallie Erminie Rives. 443 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price, \$1.50.

A very attractive and artistic dress is given this story and in all respects the publishers show a desire that the

book should lose nothing by their part in its making. The illustrations by Christy, some of which are in color, are up to the standard of that artist's better work.

The story deals with Lord Byron and his romantic adventures. Glossed over by remarkable word painting these sentimental experiences lose some of the vulgarity history attributes them, and a brilliant, dashing and sympathy-holding hero dominates the story.

Such characters as Shelley and the Countess Guiccioli play parts in the drama, and are well defined in it.

Hare, a scholar of international repute; Barbara, his grandchild, of a delightful personality and a source of inspiration to her student friends; Gardiner, rich, handsome, and of conspicuous ability,—led by choice to a life of activity, but by the influence of Barbara to a noteworthy achievement in scholarship; and Bowers, with an abnormal brain development, but utterly lacking in the graces and instincts of a gentleman.

These two latter, spurred on by Professor Hare and a common love for Barbara, pass through a period of strenuous endeavor for mastery in



BARBARA.

[Frontispiece by C. D. Williams]. From "A Daughter of Dale." The Century Co., Publishers.

The action is rapid and tempestuous. The thorough earnestness of the author is apparent in every page.

A Daughter of Dale. By Emerson Gifford Taylor. 352 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Century Co. Price, \$1.50.

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scholarship, and thereby hangs the tale—and the problem. The tale,—one to be thoroughly enjoyed by the reader. The problem,—one presented to the very few—whether the life career of scholarship is worth while as an end, or better as a means toward some other end.

One comes to the conclusion in finishing the book, that to the few who are called upon to face this problem, a sturdy self-reliance and decision is better than all the suggestions or influences of his best friends.

This work is not merely promising for Mr. Taylor's career as an author. It is a distinct and creditable achievement in itself.

Field Book of Wild Birds and Their Music. By F. Schuyler Matthews. 262 pages, long 12 mo. New York:

G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$2.00.

The author's previous works on bird life and botanical subjects have made his name familiar as a careful observer and an authoritative writer.

His latest work is on the character and music of birds, intended to help in the identification of species common in the Eastern United States. The difficulty of preparing accurate matter for such a work as this will not be appreciated, save by the initiated, and such will value highly the completeness of the musical notations of bird songs, by the author.

The book is embellished with numerous water-color and pen-and-ink studies of birds.

Some of the chapters are: "Colonial Schools of the 18th Century," "The District Schools," "Fly Leaf Scribbings," "Spelling Books," "Primary Readers," "Advanced Readers," "The First American Geography," and "Grammars, Histories and Minor Text Books."

Mr. Johnson has done with care and discrimination a work that is not only important for its reference and historical value, but is extremely interesting as well.

The Romance of Piscator. By H. W. Lanier. 227 pages, 12 mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.25.

The son of Sidney Lanier inherited

12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price, \$2.00.

The author of "Barbara Ladd" and "The Kindred of the Wild"—both of which have been noticed in these columns—has given in this new book of animal stories a piece of literary work that is as distinctly unique, as it is instructive and readable.

The accounts of various wild creatures of land, water and air are sympathetic and vivid. The story of the dragon-fly, for instance, is full of interest and revelation. One may well be grateful to such a trained and careful observer.

The credit of keen observation and carefulness belongs as well to Mr. Charles Livingston Bull, who illustrates the book with skill and comprehension.

A portrait of the author is shown on this page.



CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.

Author of "The Watchers of the Trails." L. C. Page & Co., Publishers.

Old Time Schools and School-Books. By Clifton Johnson. 380 pages, 8 vo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price \$2.00.

"Matilda Upham her Book 1701 if I this Book do lend and you it borrow Pray read it through to Day and send it home tomorrow."

This, from the title-page of Mr. Johnson's book, is a fac-simile of a warning written in an old-time school book.

In looking over this book, one finds a constant source of delight and interest in such inscriptions; in quaint customs and practices of school-life in years gone by and in illustrations and extracts from, and descriptions of, the pages of school geographies, spellers, grammars, etc. There are so many subjects treated, that they can merely be suggested here..

his father's poetic gifts evidently, for the pages of this book are filled with delicate imagery and quaint mystical humor.

Young barefooted Piscator is trudging along a Virginia road with a fish-pole over his shoulder, when he meets an old dorky whose wonderful luck fishing attracts the boy's curiosity. In this way he has, all unknowingly, come upon his destiny and becomes a member of the craft. Then the years follow and he meets the Peri and forgets his fishing for the charms of a new thing in his life.

It is all a happy story, subtly beautiful and refreshing and inspiring to remember after reading.

The Watchers of the Trails. By Charles G. D. Roberts. 361 pages,

The Sun-Maid. By Miss Grant. 429 pages, 12 mo. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.50.

The town of Pau in the Pyrenees, is, during the winter, the home of a goodly colony of society folk, collected there from European social centres. It is in this little town that most of the scenes of this romance are laid, and its characters for the most part are visitors there.

Among all the well-defined characters there is a distinctiveness and personality to Madame Zophée—the "Sun-Maid"—which arouses the sympathy and admiration of the reader. Because she is such a womanly and admirable character, one finds a keenness of interest in a rather long romance, which, without her, might become tedious.

Islam and the Oriental Churches. By Wm. Ambrose Shedd, M. A. 253 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. Price, \$1.25.

These students' lectures on the historical relations of "Islam and the Oriental Churches," were delivered at Princeton Theological Seminary during 1902 and 1903.

As the author was long missionary of the American Presbyterian Church to Persia, his historical studies have had the light of a practical knowledge of the people and their customs thrown upon them. The temperament and habits of thought have so much influence upon religious development, that the value of the author's intimate personal knowledge is apparent.

The lectures are thoroughly readable, as well as of practical instructive value.

Connectives of English Speech. By James C. Fernald. 324 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price, \$1.50.

The purely technical nature of this work makes it appeal, naturally, to a limited audience. Its practical reference value is great, however, and it is a great satisfaction to note the care and attention to detail and fine shades of meaning the author has bestowed upon the words he discusses.

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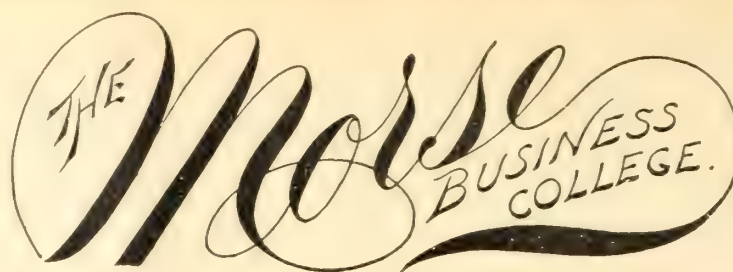


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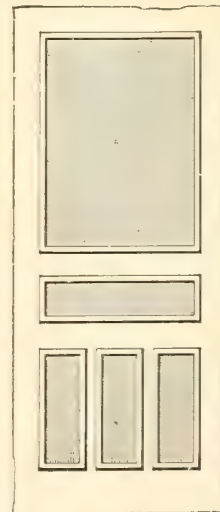
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Life's armor worn exceeding thin
By the rough conflict of the day.
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steep

Lone flocks of dissapointments sad ;
Unsatisfied, we fall asleep,
Nor even pray to waken glad.
But in the morning there is light !
Love's heart against the world beats
strong,

Joy beats across the wastes of night,
And out of darkness lifteth song !
Then with the dawn doth valor rise,
And laugh at all it vowed to bear,
While writ in glory on the skies
Be answer to the doubter's prayer !

—Sunday School Times.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS
AND SONS.

On the thirteenth day of January, 1886, this order was founded. Nine women (the tenth happened to be absent) who had often talked together about the need among earnest women, active in Christian work, of "a new sprit of unity and fellowship in faith, hope and love," and who, being wise and experienced, able to judge of the signs of the times, perceived that they were not singular in this desire for unity and fellowship, decided to offer themselves as a nucleus for such a fellowship, and organized themselves into "a sisterhood of service." With that prophetic impulse which always builds better than it knows, they called themselves "the Central Council," and elected from among themselves

such officers as would serve a large organization, little noting how vast was to become that circumference of which they were the centre.

The Central Council of what? The question of name was not an easy one to answer. Not long before that time Edward Everett Hale had written a marvelous little book called "Ten Times one are Ten," which had had remarkable vogue, and in its own way had gone far to meet the desire for fellowship in effort which was fermenting in people's minds. Not long before, too, one of these women had organized a group of school girls into a little society, which she had called the King's Daughters. The name appealed to them all as suggesting just that band of fellowship which they were seeking, loose and flexible, yet inevitable as the household band, yet with a high sacredness. They adopted the name for their own organization, and from Dr. Hale's book the idea of self-multiplying "tens," which though since abandoned, furnished the best possible framework for the rapid development of the Order. From Dr. Hale's little book they also adopted as the motto of the Order, a quatrain which precisely embodied its ideals—faith, hope, love, and the outward expression of all three, Service:

"Look up and not down,
Look forward and not back.
Look out and not in,
And lend a hand."

From another of Dr. Hale's books they borrowed their watchword, "In His Name," the initial letters of which are always engraved upon the little silver Maltese cross, which was subsequently adopted as a badge of the Order.

The members of the newly formed Central Council were women already known and trusted in a somewhat large circle; without this, even such faith and prophetic foresight as was theirs would hardly have impelled them thus to offer themselves as the nucleus of a great movement. Mrs. Theodore Irving was at the head of the well known girls' school. Mrs. Courtland de Peyster Field's influence had been widely exerted upon young women of social position for the promotion of the higher spiritual life. Mrs. Margaret Bottome, who was chosen to be President of the Central Council, and is still President of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons, had long shown conspicuous ability in Biblical exposition, and by her parlor readings had drawn many society women to undertake serious bible study. Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, who was chosen Secretary, and later became the editor of its periodical, The Silver Cross, had been a college professor and author, and prominent in the cause of higher womanhood.

From the very beginning the Order formulated its cardinal points in the two words, service and liberty. Its first published circular laid emphasis upon "the solemn obligation of every Daughter of the King to serve, and the freedom of every soul as to the form of service it should choose." These words, service and liberty, marvelously responded to the spirit of the time. Equally harmonious with this speech, though, even to its founders, not so obviously, was the announced purpose of the Order "to hasten the Kingdom of God in the hearts of the children of men," or, as the constitu-

and afterwards formulated it, "to develop spiritual life and to stimulate Christian activities." It was with amazement that they learned how wide and how popular was the response to this program, and found, in reply to one of their publications, that "the love which was needed to create the desire was much more universal than they supposed," so that what they had to do was not so much to arouse and inspire to good work as to guide it.

No light task this! and requiring an organization and machinery of which they had little dreamed. With the question "what shall we do?" coming to them from all over the country they found themselves forced to open an office, employ a staff of helpers, create a literature, issue a periodical, and as fast as might be, to subdivide and direct the work by the appointment of Provincial, State and County Secretaries. Very soon it was found impossible to keep the circles to a membership of ten, as had been at first intended.

Then Chapters had to be created to include still larger numbers united in a common work, and finally the City Union, which co-ordinates the activities of an entire community. This is the latest development of the organization, and as yet it has found its chief success in the small cities and larger towns. The Central Council, by the mere increase of its committee work, was forced to add to its own membership, and at present it consists of thirteen members. Among the later additions are Mrs. Seth Low, wife of the President of Columbia University, and Mrs. David H. Greer, wife of the rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York.

Never probably has there been a more truly catholic body than this Order. There is absolutely no bar to membership in sex, age, nationality, color or creed, the constitutional condition of membership being that the applicant shall "hold herself or himself responsible to the King, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." At an early day the need of explaining this statement was brought home to the Order, and a leaflet was issued declaring that the Order "declined to make of its Central Council a board of examiners into the theological views of its members."

It was never the purpose of the Order to open new fields of work, but rather to turn new workers into work already in progress, especially in their own churches, and so foster in them a habit of recognizing the work that lies unnoticed around them. In this the success has been great: the number of "Do ye nexte thyng" circles is

legion. Almost as numerous are the "Pastors' Aid" circles, who hold themselves ready for any little service the pastor may require. There are circles that sing in hospitals, circles that visit penitentiaries and prisons, circles that work for the poor for missions, for Indians, for local charities, for temperance. There are a number of strong circles of men for rescue work. An important part of the benevolent work of some states is in the hands of some circles; and there are cities in Canada where the City Union is practically in charge of all the benevolences of the city.

Some new fields have, however, almost of necessity been opened. "The International Commercial Travelers' Circle" covers several countries, and exerts a strong and beneficent in-



MRS. MARGARET BOTTOME, PRESIDENT.

fluence. The Home Study work of the Order is important, the teachers being members of the Order, who serve without fee. The Piazza Circle work unites the women in summer hotels in working for some benevolent purpose or in self-improvement.

A number of important charitable institutions are due to the Order, or are largely supported by certain circles. Summer Homes and Seaside Shelters for Children are among the favorite enterprises. The Silver Cross Home for Epileptics in Maryland, founded and entirely supported by a circle in that State, is the pioneer institution in the South for this class of unfortunates. The King's Daughters of a certain town have presented the town with an ambulance, and meet all its expenses. The Jennie Casseday Free Infirmary for Women, in Louisville, Ky., owes its existence to Jennie Casseday, a bed-ridden girl, who through her circle and the Order founded and for years maintained this large and admirably equipped insti-

tution. The founder died a few years ago in the Home. It will be forever maintained by members of the Order as a memorial of her, who in her hidden life was such a power for good.

It was inevitable that the rapid growth of the Order should lead to sentimentalism, but the constant endeavor of the Central Committee has been to promote sound and practical ideas of service and duty.

The Tenement-House Chapter of the Order in New York city deserves a detailed description, because of the importance of the tenement-house problem, with which in certain respects it tries to cope. The Chapter was founded in 1890 by Mr. Jacob A. Riis, an ardent King's Son, and the well-known author of "How the Other Half Lives," "The Children of the Poor," and kindred works, which evinces profound acquaintance with all phases of tenement-house life.

The summer before the Chapter was founded the Health Board had made the experiment, since become an established institution, of commissioning a corps of young physicians as inspectors to watch over the health of the tenement-house people. Mr. Riis had carefully observed the work of this "summer corps" of medical inspectors, and he became convinced that much of it was futile because the city had made and could make no provision by which they could carry out their own recommendations. Volunteer work, Mr. Riis saw was the only way to meet the difficulty, and at one of the devotional meetings of the Order held monthly in the Broadway Tabernacle he asked that a Committee for tenement-house work should be formed to offer aid to the Board of Health. A number of women responded to Mr. Riis' call, and a few days later Mrs. Davis organized a Committee which in time became the Tenement-House Chapter of the King's Daughters and Sons. Of this Chapter Mrs. George H. McGrew was appointed chairman and Mr. Riis, honorary chairman, his duties not permitting him to attend meetings. The work he does for the Chapter outside of the meetings is, however, invaluable.

That first summer after the Committee was formed, the fifty doctors of the "Summer Corps" found over 16,000 sick persons too poor to employ a physician; manifestly, therefore, too poor to buy medicine, strengthening food, sick-room comforts or to go into the country for fresh air. Each one of the doctors had in his pocket a few postal cards addressed to the Committee, and it may be guessed how the little missives came dropping in at headquar-

ters with every mail. This is what the President of the Board of Health said in his report given to the public at the close of the summer.

"It gives us pleasure to testify to the excellent work and aid which has been rendered by the King's Daughters. Providing food, medicine and other necessary personal and household articles, trained nurses to care for the sick, and the thousand and one things which only

larly entertain large parties of children for a day, several times in the summer. Occasionally the Chapter has a family to "colonize"; in that case some member or circle of the Order is found to act the part of friend to them in their new home. It makes all the difference between success and failure in removing families from the city to the country.

The Chapter's second source of income is the general public, who are

fidence of the people, it should be the means of bringing those who needed help into relations with the institutions which seem to be best calculated to help them, whatever the need might be. There is hardly an institution, hospital, dispensary, public or private, which has not co-operated most generously with the Chapter in its work.

Yet, numerous as are the charities of the city, it cannot be said that they perfectly cover the field of the people's need. There are some crevices between them, some over-large meshes of their inter-relations through which many poor people must fall. And here the Chapter finds its especial field, for by reason of the intimate relations found with the people at the sick bedside and in the chamber of the dying, it gains that thorough acquaintance with character which permits such exceptional work. For example, no provident loan association can wisely lend money without security; but the Chapter can and frequently does, simply because the personal character of the borrower, which is thoroughly known, has weight. For the same reason the Chapter can pension without pauperizing widows or aged persons. The constant friendly supervision makes the transaction a safe one. Even the landlords recognize the validity of the judgment of persons in such personal relations with their tenants, and not infrequently by remitting a month's rent, co-operate in the effort of the Chapter to tide a family over a hard place.

It is people whose need in times of sickness or trouble there is no charity to meet that the Chapter reckons as its peculiar charge, "The King's Daughters' own cases," and

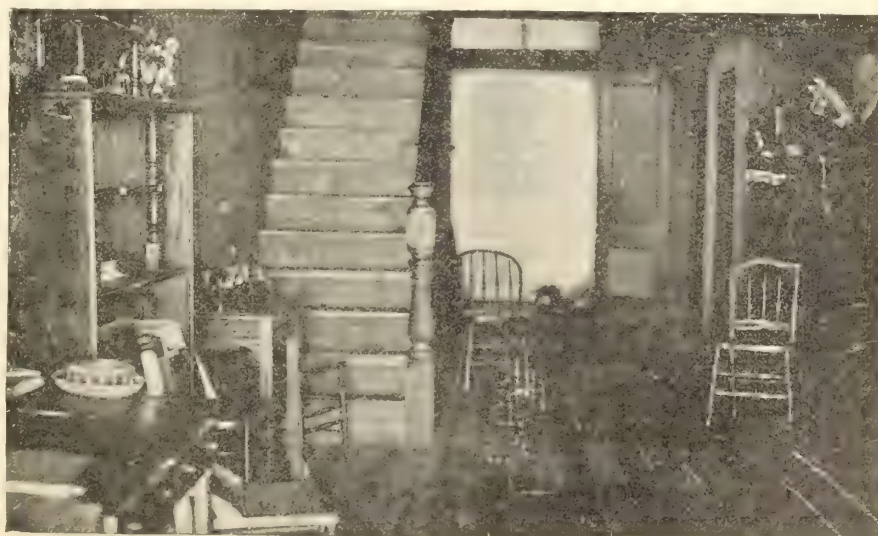


HOUSATONIC SUMMER HOME.

sympathy can devise, they have worked hand in hand in the homes of the lowly poor with our inspectors for the relief of suffering humanity and to restore the sick. The inspector had but to indicate upon a postal card provided by the Order what was most needed in any individual case to have it promptly supplied, not as a diffusive, ill-judged charity, but as the kindly helping hand in time of need. Similar testimonials have been given every year since that time.

The resources for this service were threefold. First, the Order, so far as individuals or circles became interested to help. The very first year they sent flowers by the thousand bouquets, delicacies for the sick, infants' outfits, bedding, money in larger or smaller sums, a special donation for the salary of a trained nurse, several baby carriages, (to be loaned to mothers of sick babies), and best of all, the use and partial support of a house on the banks of the Hudson for a Fresh-Air Home. As the work has become more widely known the number of contributing circles or individual members of the Order has greatly increased. Many members of the Order living in the country open their houses to receive a few "fresh-air" children, or, what is still more important, delicate girls and convalescent invalids. In several suburban towns members of the Order regu-

quick to answer appeals for aid made through the newspapers, and who often contribute when no appeal is made the third source not of income but of means to accomplish its ends, is found in the existing charitable institutions, public and private. For it was not so much the intention that the Chapter should add one more to the long list of charitable institutions of New York as that by studying the cases brought to their notice under circumstances peculiarly favorable for study, and winning the con-



HALL OR RECEPTION ROOM IN SILVER CROSS SHELTER.

upon these it expends more abundant labor. Such a case was the old couple who had once seen prosperous days, who after sixty years of married life had nothing before them but the separate wards of the almshouse. A timely illness brought first the "summer doctor," and at his request the King's Daughters' nurse; the Chapter found a circle in Washington to pension the old couple, and their few remaining years were spent together. There was the aged poet, once a celebrity in his way, who could not dig and was too proud to beg, and was actually starving when the health inspector found him. Such was the bitterness of his pride that he would even yet have starved had not one of the Chapter members with considerate tact gone to him day after day with a basket of flowers, underneath which, when she had gone,

soon becomes the centre of a social work, with kindergarten, clubs, classes and the usual features of such a centre. It would be hard to say which branch of this work seems to be the most full of promise—the little kindergarten with its thirty children and the homes that are reached through them; the backyard which the children have named The King's Garden, the only playground within a square mile, in which two hundred of the thousands of children of that district spend blissful hours; the boys' club, where the Young Guard learn patriotism and decent play; the girls' club, with its singing and sewing classes and its gleeful "game night"; the mothers' club, which gives to hard-worked mothers "the only good time we have"; the little girls' Saturday morning sewing class; the Saturday afternoon expeditions to the

The poor mother who came to the club trundling her empty baby carriage to give the Chapter to lend to some mother whose baby was not dead; the widow forced to send her boy to an orphan asylum, who brought the straw hat he would not need "as a thank offering"; the woman who kept her jubilant but hungry children waiting while she cooked her sick neighbor's Thanksgiving dinner before cooking her own; the woman who, when the nurse is otherwise occupied, can always be called on to watch by a sick-bed; the old grandfather who is ready to "mind" his neighbor's children while she comes to the club; the sad-hearted mother who offered her dead daughter's bed for any poor girl who needed a home; the widow living on a dollar and a half a week earned by her son as cash boy, who, at the request of the Chapter, took a homeless family to board over Sunday and kept them until Thursday "that the ladies might have time to turn themselves"; the woman who secured a service place in a seaside charity and proffered here "influence" to get a bed there for any sick child under the nurse's care; even the hoodlum boys who used to hustle the children on library afternoon, who, at the janitor's suggestion, transferred themselves into "The King's Daughters' monitors" and kept order at the door (sometimes, it must be confessed, with more zeal than gentleness)—these are only a few members of the ever-enlarging fellowship of service which centres in the Tenement-house Chapter.

There is a significance in this fellowship that is full of hope for this present time when the tenement-house problem is so big with evil portent. It shows the way to establish that community of interest which alone can rob the situation of its danger. It shows that there is a way for the "classes" to come into the lives of the "masses" other than by gifts. It is to be wholly at their service, heart and soul engaged to meet their need; it is to feel their troubles always until a remedy for them has been found; it is to be never wearied with their ignorance or their obstinacy, recognizing the untoward circumstances that have made them so; it is to be quick to pierce through that husk of ignorance and obstinacy and find the real person, the real need, that lie within, and with a yearning heart reach forth to meet them. Such a service which draws him who serves and him who is served into a fellowship that closes up the chasms between the prosperous and the unfortunate—the chasms in which lie



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he found the needed food.

Again, it was a family so desperately bad that churches and charities alike had washed their hands of them, and only the public institutions, at the inevitable cost of thousands of dollars to the community, remained for the father, mother, and four children. It took months of patient study and wise treatment to win them to temperance and self-support, but it was done at last at a cost—so far as money goes—of twenty dollars! And still, again, it was the hardworking father of a family, reduced by long illness to exhaust the little capital his huckster's trade required, whom, after nursing back to health, the Chapter set up with an unsecured loan of ten dollars, and thus restored to prosperity.

All these forms of service are the direct outgrowth of the aid proffered to the Board of Health, but they are not its only outgrowth. The majority of families thus brought to the Chapter's notice need moral and social uplift, and the Chapter House

Museum of Natural History; the children's free library, in which 1,337 children, too irresponsible for even the free public libraries, draw books without check and never lose one; the Christmas trees and the Thanksgiving dinners, eaten in their own memorable first "party"—that is, the first meal eaten sitting together at table many of these families have ever known—or the evening entertainments provided now and then through the winter. Each has its place and meets a need.

The Superintendent's room in the Chapter House is the place to which everybody comes who wants help or council. Better still, it is the place to which the people of the neighborhood known to the Chapter bring their neighbors who need either, or it has come to this, that the "fellowship of service" which the Order of the King's Daughters and Sons was designed to foster has extended into the tenement-house district, and the Chapter and its friends in the tenements are united in helping others

hidden such dangers to society. This is the fellowship which—I will not say the Tenement-house district—but which here and there in the district has become a reality that is full of hope.



GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

At the July communion service seven members were received, two on profession of faith and five by letter.

Rev. J. W. Ballantine, who, in summers past, has supplied during Mr. MacGeehon's vacation, has accepted a call to Huntington, Mass., and has entered upon his duties in his new parish.

Mrs. MacGeehon, who has been taking a vacation at East Hartland, Conn., returned July 28.

The pastor will begin his vacation August 22, going to Twin Lakes to camp out. During his absence Messrs A. A. Lewis and G. P. Kayser will look after a supply for his pulpit.

Shortly after Mr. MacGeehon's return, in September, it is proposed to hold a membership tea of which there will be fuller particulars later on.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our pastor left on August 1 for a month's vacation. During his absence the pulpit will be supplied for a morning service only, as our evening preaching services have been discontinued until October 1.

July 15, the Christian Endeavor Society gave a lawn festival in the rear of the church.

We are very glad to have with us, again, our brother, Charles Paddock, who has been in the Klondyke for the past three years.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Our church is closed until August 18, as the camp meeting at Springfield is now in session and the greater part of our church people are there.

Our pastor has been requested to attend the camp meeting at Fair Haven, Vt., to assist in official duties there and, in consequence, the pulpit will be filled by his father, who has so many times demonstrated the fact

that his pulpit days are not yet over. August 28, is the date of his supply.

Our church clerk and treasurer, Mr. W. J. Pierce, has been very dangerously ill, and is still in a feeble condition. We hope he may yet be able to resume his duties as he can illly be spared.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

A large new safe has recently been put in place in the pastor's study. It is designed to hold all the church records and other papers of importance, which should be easy of access and yet well protected from fire or other danger.

The pastor has been coming up from Black Point, where he has a cottage, several days in each week, in order to see at his office any who wished to consult with him.

Practically all meetings, save the Sunday morning service, have been discontinued for the summer, to be resumed some time in September.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The rector has been conducting the Sunday morning services, which have been well attended, considering the large number absent from the city.

The colored members of the Episcopal church in Hartford have been holding a Sunday school at 2:30 and an evening service in addition, at 7:30, in the parish room.

The Knights of Temperance held a meeting last Sunday evening in the vestry room at 7:15.

Regular services will be resumed in September.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

The Sunday set apart for Children's Day, June 12, was exceptionally fine, and a large congregation filled the church. As usual, the flower committee had prepared a large number of bouquets to distribute to the children present. Nine children were baptized.

A home missionary meeting, of special interest, was held in the chapel on Tuesday afternoon, June 21. The meeting was led by Mrs. S. V. Engelke, with Miss Clara Mallory presiding at the piano. Miss Virginia Dox, of Berea College, Kentucky, was present and gave a pleasing talk concerning the work of the college.

A few of the ladies of the congregation met in the chapel on Friday, June 24, and packed a large and valuable box of supplies for use at the hospital in Aintab, Turkey.

The extremely warm weather seri-

ously affected the attendance at the review exercise, held by our Bible School, on Sunday evening, June 27.

The annual picnic of our school was held at Laurel park on Wednesday, July 13.

The members of the Mission Circle enjoyed a picnic at Elizabeth Park on Tuesday afternoon, June 28, chaperoned by Miss Martha Waterman, director of the society.

Our Christian Endeavor Society has held its meetings at 7:30 on Sunday evenings during the past month and will continue to do so, during the summer months.

At the communion service on Sunday, July 3, two new members were received into membership with our church.

After an absence of more than five years, Dr. Caroline F. Hamilton, who is connected with the hospital at Aintab, Turkey, has returned to her home in West Hartford for a brief visit.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

During this month, there will be but one service each week at St. Thomas' Church.

Our rector, Rev. Mr. Macbeth, and his family, are enjoying their vacation, and the congregation is pretty well scattered.

The Sunday-school, as well as the other branches in the church, will begin again, as usual, early in September.

Mr. S. W. Pratt, of East Berlin, Ct., will read services during the absence of Mr. Macbeth. Mr. Pratt expects to leave the latter part of September to take up his work as missionary. He expects to be ordained deacon in about one year.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Macmillan, and Mrs. Macmillan, are spending the month of August in the White Mountains. During the absence of the pastor, the regular services will be held as usual, the pulpit being supplied. The Rev. H. E. Murkett, of Providence, preached on Sunday, August 7, both morning and evening.

Many of our people have attended the service at the Plainville camp meeting, which closed Monday, August 8.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor is taking his vacation this month, spending part of the time at Northfield and part at Lowell, his old home.

Our annual Sunday-School picnic

was at Laurel park. About one hundred attended and all seemed to have had a very enjoyable time.

Daniel Chaffee was sent as a delegate from our Endeavor Society to the convention at Silver Lake, N. Y., and will give his report on August 14.

Our church continues its usual Sunday and mid-week services through the week. Rev. Mr. Craig, chaplain at the prison, preached for us last Sabbath.

The tower of our church is being repaired and in it has been inserted the old cornerstone of the first church, bearing the date of 1686.

UNITY CHURCH.

The church is closed till September for the summer vacation.

Rev. Mr. Waite, with his daughter and son, has returned from a two weeks visit to the Maine woods.

NORTH METHODIST.

During July and August there will but one evening service. The Y. P. S. C. E. will take charge of this. July 31, the meeting was in charge of the missionary committee and proved to be a very interesting and instructive missionary service.

Howard A. Camp, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and his family, will spend their vacation at Sachem's Head, Conn.

Rev. D. W. Howell is spending the month of August at his cottage in Southold, L. I., and during his absence the pulpit will be supplied by the following: August 7, Rev. John Hamilton, Forestville; August 14, Rev. Duane Griffin, Hartford; August 21, Geo. A. Bowman, East Hartford; August 28, Rev. Mr. Travis.

Harold L. Cleasby, a member of the Sunday-school, sailed Saturday, August 6, for a year of travel and study in Europe.

FIRST METHODIST.

A farewell was given to Dr. W. B. Scranton and family on Sunday evening, July 17, by a union service of the four Methodist churches of the city, at the First Methodist church. Rev. J. A. Macmillan, Rev. D. W. Howell, Rev. B. B. Brown and Rev. C. W. McCormick spoke appropriately on the return of Dr. Scranton as a missionary to Korea.

Dr. Scranton, wife, two daughters and mother, Mrs. Mary Scranton, left for Korea Monday, August 1.

Dr. C. W. McCormick preached at the Camp Meeting, August 7, at the morning service. The Camp Meeting

closed Monday morning, August 8, with the usual closing service and love feast.

The pastors who will occupy the pulpit while Dr. McCormick is away are as follows: August 7, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Yalesville, Conn.; August 14, Rev. Geo. Van Alstyne, South Norwalk, Conn.; August 21, Rev. Mr. Taylor, Manchester, Conn.; August 28, Rev. Chas. Oakley, Tarrytown, New York.

Several of our people have returned from their vacations and report a most enjoyable time.

The Ladies' Aid Society is preparing for a fair to be given this coming fall.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. J. S. James, our former pastor, visited some of his friends in the city for a few hours recently. He is always welcomed with pleasure by members of his old congregation here.

The Moonlight Excursion given on the steamer "Madeleine" by the Young people's societies of the First and the South Baptist churches, while fairly attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, was restricted in its success by disagreeable weather.

The pastor is in Maine with his family, enjoying a month's vacation.

During the summer the pulpit is being supplied by various ministers. The attendance at all services has been very good.

Plans are being discussed for a Daylight Excursion down the Connecticut river at some date not far in the future, though the time has not been settled yet.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

During August the evening service of Sunday and Friday is being omitted. The Sunday morning service is now the only one held, as the Sunday-school has been temporarily discontinued.

Dr. and Mrs. Harriman are in Maine enjoying a vacation. During the rector's holiday the service will be read by the rector of Grace chapel of Parkville.

The Sunday-school picnic, held at White Oak park, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

During the summer the Sunday-school continues its sessions at the usual hour, though with smaller attendance than at other seasons.

Rev. Mr. Potter acted as superintendent for the first four Sundays of July, during the absence of Mr. Phelps, the superintendent.

Mr. S. P. Davis, the assistant superintendent, is spending the summer in Europe.

Our annual picnic was held at Laurel park on Thursday, June 30. The day proved rainy and the attendance was not up to the usual number, one hundred sixty-five being in the company. Our tables were set in the pavilion and indoor games were played, while boating and swinging filled in between the showers.

At present some of our teachers and scholars are enjoying two weeks of cottage life at Grove Beach.

Mr. Ralph O. Wells has taken the leadership of the young men's class.

An important addition is soon to be constructed in connection with the gymnasium. A room is to be arranged and fitted with shower baths, and hot water pipes will be carried to the first floor and to the kitchen.

Our fifth Sunday offering in July was for the Courant Fresh Air Fund.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

The Epworth League gave an ice-cream festival on the church lawn July 27. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$6.00.

Rev. J. H. Knott and family spent the past three weeks at Plainville Camp Ground. A number of others have been down for the day. The cottage there has been recently furnished and the sum of 20 cents a night, or \$1 per week, is now charged.

The Ladies' Aid Society held an ice-cream and strawberry festival a few weeks ago.

The Sunday-school will hold its annual picnic Wednesday, August 10, at Adam's Grove, North Bloomfield.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

About 100 members of the Sunday School attended the annual picnic at Lake Compounce. A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

The Ladies' Sewing Society are preparing a box to send to a minister in Algy, Ala. Meetings are held from 3 to 6 p. m., the third Tuesday in each month. Supper follows the sewing period.

The Missionary Society has finished a years study on China, as outlined in "Rex Christus."

The Women's Missionary Association has met with a great loss in the death of their president, Mrs. Sophia Tracy. Miss Julia Elwin was elected to take her place and Miss Agnes Belden was re-elected president of the Young Woman's Society.

Mrs. Chas. L. Luce and Mr. Clinton

Barrows united with the church, by letter, at the last communion.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Miss L. E. Brokaw, our delegate to the Silver Bay Conference has returned and will give a report early in September, when more of our people will be at home.

Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce of Scranton, Pa., who occupied the pulpit last Sunday, gave a very interesting and helpful blackboard talk to our Bible School today.

By a vote of those present last Sunday evening, it was decided to discontinue our meetings in the front vestibule and hold them in the regular meeting-room.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, has returned from his vacation and is preaching again.

Our young people are working hard to finish paying for improvements in the church.

The Sunday-School went to Forest park, Springfield, last week Wednesday, August 3, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

We were all sad at the news of the death of Rev. Mr. Peckham who worked so faithfully with the church. He was truly a man of God.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

A union service of the Congregational and Methodist churches was held at the Methodist church on Sunday morning, August 7, Rev. W. F. Sheldon preached. On August 14, we unite with them at the Congregational church.

Brother G. B. Hyde led the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, August 4, on account of the absence of our pastor, who is conducting the young people's meetings at the Plainville Camp Ground.

Rev. W. R. Roberts preached in Wallingford on Sunday, August 7.

Quite a number of our people have attended the Plainville Camp Meeting and have received great spiritual help.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, is spending the month of August at his old home in Windsor, Vt.

Rev. L. B. Curtis preached for us on August 7, Mr. A. C. Woodbury, the president of the C. E. Society, has removed from the city. His resigna-

tion from this office was accepted with much regret.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The rector, Rev. Geo. T. Lindsley, and Mrs. Lindsley are enjoying a vacation at Blanford, Mass. They will return about September 1.

The chorus of the choir rendered the music at the morning service August 6, and will continue to do so for the month. Mrs. H. C. Pitblado will act as organist and direct the chorus.

A goodly number were present at church the first Sunday in August, and a large number received communion.

The first Sunday in the month is observed as Communion Sunday.

The Rev. Ellis D. Dean, of Farmington, Conn., conducted the services.

It is encouraging to see so many present Sundays, as a great many of our members are on their vacations at this time of the year.

The afternoon services will be omitted this month and will be resumed in September.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A number of fresh air outings have been given the past month and many tired mothers and young people and children have enjoyed the excursions to the neighboring parks. The sewing-school teachers have taken their respective classes, and these outings have been greatly enjoyed.

The Sunday-school and mothers' meetings have been kept up under the leadership of Miss Whiton and the interest has been well sustained. These meetings will be suspended during August, but some fresh air work will be continued by volunteer helpers.

The distribution of flowers from the Flower Mission of the Union for Home Work will be continued, the children coming to the chapel for them one day of each week.

"The loyalist patriot's creed: My country, right or wrong. My party, right or wrong. My city, right or wrong. My neighborhood, right or wrong. My family, right or wrong. Myself, right or wrong. Me."—*The Clarion*.

It is rumored that the Turk is taking advantage of Russia's pre-occupation with Japan to continue the work of exterminating the Armenians. Massacres and burnings are reported in the mountain districts of Sassoun. The protests of the Powers are ignored.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The committees and employees of the Young Men's Christian Association are busily engaged during the present weeks in completing plans for the busier and more active months of winter. The season will open September 1, all departments being in active operation. Sunday afternoon meetings for men only in September and October will be held in the Association building. Beginning November 1, they will be carried on in the Hartford Opera House. A strong list of speakers is being secured and the winter promises to be a very active one in that department. In the Bible study work at least seven different classes will be conducted this season, offering opportunities for Bible study to the average man in many interesting branches. The Boys' Camp at West Swanzy closed July 26, and was a marked success. Mr. J. W. Page, the new Boys' Department Secretary, is giving his attention to the plans for winter work among the boys. He will attend the boys annual conference and summer school at Lake George, August 30 to September 4.

The work of the Hillyer Institute will open September 23, with a reception to past and prospective students. There will be an exhibit of students' work from September 23 to October 3, during which time registration of new students will be received. The catalog for 1904-5 is out and is a very attractive booklet of 28 pages. It is very finely printed and well illustrated in half-tone cuts. This booklet will be sent to any one interested on application.

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THE OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

It will be observed that there has been considerable activity in Hartford during the Summer months in providing out-of-door religious meetings, not only on Sunday, but during the week. Presumably the former of the two would be the most difficult task, since the attendance would average larger and the quality of the audience would be of a more heterogeneous character. From the writer's experience in attending the services held at noon for working men, it is a decided tribute to the character of the working men of Hartford that they receive such advances in so gentlemanly and respectful a manner. One does not necessarily gather from such occasions that the listeners are always in sympathy either with what the speaker is saying or with the idea as a whole. But there is a manifest

atmosphere of quiet attention which is pleasing to note and exceedingly helpful to the speaker. This quality of attention and respect, however, could scarcely be looked for at meetings of the more general type, for there are more apt to be present at such gatherings the fiend incarnate in the shape of the small ragamuffin, whom nothing can apparently awe—at least so long as he is in his own element—the street.

But, even recognizing all that can be said of the favorable features of out-of-door meetings, such as are being held in this city, it is nevertheless obvious that they present a very difficult task to those who have them in charge. One cannot always be perfectly sure that he is doing good work and accomplishing great results even when outward respect and attention is assured him—to which fact testimony will be borne by those who have addressed the prisoners at the jail, while a burly guardian of the peace sat behind him on the platform with a club in his hand and a way of looking at the audience (who were present by compulsion) which, if interpreted, would say: "If you don't behave respectfully and listen, you will receive chastisement"—or words to that effect. And yet it is within reason to say that it is much easier and one finds more encouragement, as a rule, in addressing those who are gathered to hear him before he speaks—even if the gathering be enforced. It is a hard thing to hunt for one's audience; to go out into the streets and present sacred matters before a mixed assemblage, many of whom are there purely by curiosity and others by accident, and oftentimes to speak to a vacant field before the audience has gathered. But that is true missionary work, and it is the way the Gospel was preached on many occasions by its most worthy advocate—the Apostle Paul.

No words but words of praise can be spoken of those who have had the care and responsibility of these meetings, or of any who have contributed helpfully in any way. It is doubtless true that there are men whose training has been of such a nature that preaching of this type, if undertaken by them, would serve a different purpose from that served by men who have but rarely been called upon for that kind of work. But even if the summer were to close and not a single definite instance could be cited in which some individual had been led to accept the Christian faith openly, yet we are convinced that the earnestness and seriousness, with which all have taken hold, will have contributed materially to building up

in the minds of many a deeper conception of the dignity of the Gospel.

CONCERNING DIVORCES.

It is not always a wise practice to pat oneself on the back, lest one, thinking himself standing, should lose his balance. But it is a certain satisfaction to learn that, in these days of divorces granted on trivial grounds there persists, nevertheless, a great deal of resolute adherence to principle. It is seen in such incidents as that which has recently gone the rounds of the city, in which a couple who were legally eligible for matrimony, but not Biblically so, searched the city in vain to find a minister who would perform the ceremony. This is the nucleus of spirit from which great things may be looked for. The same thing is seen in the feelings expressed by a certain judge, who gave expressions to some very sensible views of measures to be employed in matrimonial troubles. And the sentiments thus expressed, we daresay, did more practical good, coming as they did from the heart, than any number of legal enactments. The old question as to whether the egg or the chicken came first doesn't seem to be authoritatively answered, any more than the question whether the laws of a people have followed or preceded their sympathies. But the former question could be answered at any given time and the latter finds its answer today in the need of a public conscience, whose expression in such actions as those recorded above, will have much more effect than its expression on the statute books.

THE MURDER EPIDEMIC.

That the crime of murder is increasing at an alarming rate, there seems no doubt. Two recent murders in our own midst bring home this truth with force. And can it be doubted, by even a casual observer of causes and effects, that our newspapers are in a measure, almost criminal in itself, responsible for this? Read the details regarding crimes and criminals in any daily paper, consider the effect on minds having an abnormal relish for such details and envying the criminal his wide notoriety, then, given the opportunity, or the fancied motive, and a murder logically results.

This tendency is not a local one—it seems to be spreading over all our country. Murderers are the heroes of the hour to multitudes of people of diseased minds prepared to receive and enjoy the details of crime, from being daily nurtured by such from their daily papers.

Truly, it is time our editors who are possessed of true civic spirit and who desire to keep their profession on a high plane, get together and institute a reform in their own midst.

The Administration is paying some attention to the reverberations of the demand for a parcels post which has come up from all parts of the country. It is a disgrace that our postal facilities are inferior to those of every other civilized nation—for example: That we can only send four pounds of merchandise by mail, and that at a tremendously exorbitant price. The rate charged by the United States Post Office for merchandise is 6,000 per cent. greater than that charged by Germany. A package can be posted in Edinburgh, Scotland, brought across the Atlantic, carried in United States postal cars across the continent and delivered in Portland, Ore., for one-fourth less than it would cost to send it from Hartford to New York! This abuse must be remedied. This outrageous robbery of the American taxpayer by four express companies should be put an end to.

The relations between France and the Vatican have almost reached the breaking point. The separation of church and state there seem imminent. Well, it's wishing no ill to either to hope the break will actually take place and that quickly. The present situation is one to generate infidelity on a large scale, while separation of church and state, as is shown in this country, is the best for both and productive of a better religious and a higher spiritual life.

The Courant Fresh Air Fund excursions for mothers and children, have been conducted regularly during the past month with the assistance of workers at the Open Hearth, City Mission, Charity Organization Society and other associations. About 200 children have been taken on each trip—some of the parties going down the river for a day's sail on the steamer "Madeleine," while others have been taken on trolley trips to Rainbow Park. The last trip taken included older people from the Old People's Home and elsewhere.

Just now politics seems to show more activity than religion, but six weeks will show religious activity all along the line. It promises to be a lively fall between both.

At the St. Louis Fair, plans for gospel meetings on a large and un-denominational scale seem to have

fallen through. Something is being done by denominations, but a splendid opportunity seems to have been neglected there.

In a remote churchyard in Cambridge-shire I read a few years ago an epitaph nearly a century old, on two aged sisters. The text included in it was, "When the morning was come, Jesus stood on the shore." It seemed to me to sum up lives in which the patience of faith had been the guiding principle. These two forgotten disciples had trusted through the night and the toil. They were willing to wait. They knew it would be well to-morrow morning.—H. C. G. Moule, D.D.

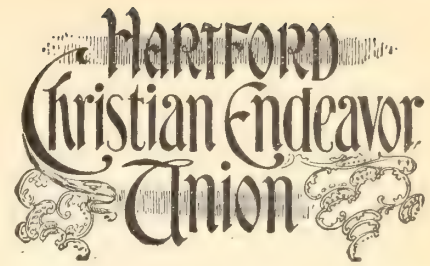
Sir Bartle Frere, at one time governor of Bombay, said: "I speak simply as to matter of experience and observation, and not of opinion; and I assure you that, whatever you may be told to the contrary, the teaching of Christianity among 160 millions of civilized, industrious Hindoos and Mohammedans in India is effecting changes, moral, social and political, which for extent and rapidity of effect are far more extraordinary than anything you or your fathers have witnessed in modern Europe."

It is a mooted question whether college training is advisable for one that is looking forward to a business career. However few openings the world may sometimes seem to offer the new college graduate, he can find appreciation on the Brooklyn street cars. The street car company is so eager for college men as conductors that it has sent agents to colleges even as far away as Canada.

President Loubet's visit to the king of Italy and the Vatican's protest are helping to drive still deeper the wedge that has already begun to separate the French government and the Roman Catholic Church. Whatever may be thought of the motives at work on both sides, the separation of church and state would mean a great gain for France.—*C. E. World.*

Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards—they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow and wax strong, or we grow and wax weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become — Bishop Westcott.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. — Emerson.



The state Christian Endeavor convention to be held here should be made one of the best in the history of the Connecticut Union and every Endeavorer, individually, and every Society should work from now on, to make it so.

Money is needed and societies having a depleted treasury should make a special effort to raise a fund to contribute to this event. Personal subscriptions, or some form of an entertainment, will probably accomplish this.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 14.

Topic.—Obeying when obedience is hard.
—Gen. xxii, 1-8.

There are times when obedience is easy and times when to obey is a serious strain upon the physical, mental and spiritual life. Nor do the most faithful children of God always have the commands that are easiest to obey. Abraham had a hard test placed before him, yet he was faithful to God and was called "a friend of God." Enoch faced great trials, yet it was said of him that he "walked with God." Noah was a righteous man, yet a burdensome command was placed upon him. Divine commands involving hardness are therefore not the signs of divine disapproval. They are rather the signs of the opposite conditions. God expects and exacts the greatest things from those who love and serve Him best. This principle holds good among men. The father gives the most difficult task to the son who loves him most and not to the indifferent and untrusty one. The general intrusts the command that involves the greatest hardship and danger to the best and most patriotic of his soldiers. Is God less wise than man? When, therefore, called to perform a difficult duty or to obey, when obedience is hard let us look upon it as an honor and privilege that God has bestowed upon us. The obedience of Abraham should be an inspiration to all to obey when obedience is hard. No man ever had a harder call to obey. "Abraham, take thine only son Isaac * * * and offer him for a burnt offering." Look at the facts here which made obedience hard.

1. Isaac was Abraham's only son, "thine only son." To have given one out of ten or twelve would have been hard, but how much harder to give one

out of one! But Abraham did it in will if not in deed. God actually did it. Hence when we are called upon to give the very dearest thing for Christ we should obey, though obedience be hard.

2. God's command must be kept secret. Abraham did not tell Isaac, and we are sure that he never told Sarai, the boy's mother. For three days Abraham walked beside Isaac with this awful secret in his heart. So God commands us to suffer secret sorrows and trials.

A sorrow shared
Is but half a sorrow.

But these sorrows cannot be told to others. But like Abraham we should obey.

3. Abraham himself had to perform the act commanded by God. He must offer up his son! His hand must strike the blow and place Isaac's body upon the wood as a burnt offering. But he was willing to obey. God actually performed such a duty in offering Christ for the world. So when commands come to us the performance of which require great personal hardship we, too, should obey.

4. Isaac was a child of promise. God had given him in accordance with his promise and had further promised that through Isaac all the nations of the earth should be blessed. If Isaac was now sacrificed this promise could not be fulfilled. If God broke this promise how could he trust him in any other? Obedience here would perhaps shake Abraham's faith in God, and yet in faith that somehow God would solve the difficulty Abraham went on to obey. Some commands may tend to shake our faith in God, but still we should obey, with the assured confidence that God will so direct the issue that our faith will be increased instead of diminished, as it was with Abraham.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. vi, 22; Ex. xix, 1-6; Deut. xi, 26-28; I Sam. xv, 20-29; Isa. vi 1-12; Matt. v, 29, 30; Rom. v, 19; Phil. ii, 1-12; Heb. xi, 8; xii, 1, 2.

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"Early to bed
And early to rise,"
Push your pen
And advertise!

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Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 21.

Topic.—Standing alone for God.—Rom. viii, 31-39.

There are various occasions in life when we stand alone. The psalmist once said, "I am as a sparrow alone upon the house top" (Ps. cii, 7). The reference is supposed to be to the blue thrush, a very solitary bird of Palestine. So we often stand alone in life. It may be alone in adversity. "When we laugh, the world laughs with us; when we weep, we weep alone." The friends of prosperity usually vanish when adversity comes, and we are left alone. Again, we may stand alone with God, as is suggested in the poem "I Stood Alone With My Conscience," conscience being God within us. Then, as the topic suggests, we stand alone for God.

Every Christian must expect at times to stand practically alone for God, or at least we should be ready and willing to do so if the occasion should arise. If faithful to God, we must expect at times to be in a very small minority. Abraham in an age of great idolatry found it necessary to stand alone for the faith—one man against his age! When Moses denounced Israel's sin of idolatry in the wilderness and called upon those who were on the Lord's side to stand forth, only one tribe stepped forward, the tribe of Levi. The majority clung to their sins. When Israel later on was overrun by the prophets of Baal, Elijah was the single public defender of the faith, and in despair he cried unto God, "Lord, they have killed Thy prophets and digged down Thine altars, and I am left alone, and they seek my life." True, there were 7,000 in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal, but they were keeping very quiet about it. On more than one occasion Daniel stood alone for God, and can we expect a different experience from that of these ancient saints of God? Not at all. We may be called to stand

alone for God, alone for faith in God, alone for the confession of faith in God or alone for the work of God, and if called upon to perform such duties let us stand "steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" What is human opposition, scoff or persecution if God be for us? One with God is always a majority. God has always stood with those who have stood for Him and they have won. Abraham won against the world. Moses, Elijah, Paul, Athanasius, all men who have stood out for God, have come off "more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us." Let us always stand for God, though we stand alone, for He will stand with us.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ex. xxxii, 26; Num. xiv, 9; Josh. xxiv, 15; I Kings xix, 10, 15-18; Ps. xxvii, 1; lvi, 4, 11; cxviii, 6; cxlvi, 1-5; Isa. li, 12; Matt. xxviii, 19, 20.

A Foreign Field Secretary.

The Rev. F. S. Hatch, D. D., has been for three years field secretary for India,



REV. F. S. HATCH, D. D.

and local conventions. Dr. Hatch was formerly a New England pastor.

A Chinese Idea.

There are seven subsocieties in the Honan Y. P. S. C. E. in China. These are: (1) Gospel Preaching society, the members of which have been both diligent in study and earnest in preaching the gospel in the outstations and in the street chapel at night. (2) Lookout committee has done good service in looking up irregulars and teaching the inquirers throughout their respective districts. (3) The Christian Marriage society has at last aided in managing four engagements between Christian children, and there have been six Christian weddings this year. (4) The Repeating Scripture society records that 375 chapters of Scripture have been repeated, which represents a considerable amount of teaching by its members. (5) The Anti Foot Binding society has enrolled only seven members, but in the case of five especially this cross has been taken up bravely and borne consistently for Christ's sake. (6) The Christian Purity society has thirty-seven members and has helped many to

abstain from intoxicating wine, tobacco and bad literature. (7) The Soul Seekers' society has nine members, who have led not a few to come to the meetings, some of whom are now bright inquirers.—Irish Endeavor.

A Novel Idea.

In an Australian society the membership is split up into little groups of seven, who agree to make their number ten by obtaining new members. When the number is gained a new combination is formed, still comprising seven, and so on. The plan has been very successful and has added materially to the membership of the society.

Egyptian Endeavor.

Egypt has five societies and they are decidedly cosmopolitan. One of them has among its members Italians, Syrians, Armenians, Copts, Hindoos, Germans, English and Americans.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 28.

Topic.—National missionary heroes.—Heb. xi, 32-40.

In the sense in which we use the word missionary today it requires a considerable stretch of the imagination to look upon Barak, Samson, Jephtha or even David and Samuel as missionaries. They were great national heroes, but they never carried the truth of God to foreign peoples. And yet they did stand for God and for the truth of God as against the errors of the nations around about them, and the prophets at least proclaimed the truth of God in such a way as to include in God's gracious mercy even the gentiles, for Isaiah saith, "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."

Moreover, these ancient worthies of Israel possessed the traits of all workers for God, whether it be mission work at home or abroad.

1. Israel's national heroes were men of faith. They believed in God and based their lives upon their faith in God. They were men "who through faith" performed the deeds attributed to them. Missionary heroes must have faith. They must believe in God and believe that others need to know Him and believe in Him in order to be saved. No half hearted faith will suffice for a missionary, nor will any compromising faith be sufficient for him. He cannot believe that all faiths are equally good if men are sincere. He must believe that his God is the only true God and that those who are without Him are without God.

2. Israel's national heroes were men of consecration. Service was the keynote of their lives. They "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises," etc. They were men of deeds. Zeal for God's house and work possessed them. Consecration is also a necessary qualification for a successful missionary. A lazy man would certainly be a misfit on a mission field. Indefatigable workers are needed here,

and in all our missionary efforts we must put forth zeal and energy. A lifeless missionary Endeavorer and missionary committee will never win any stars for their crown.

3. Israel's national heroes were men of self denial. Through self sacrifice and suffering they sustained and carried forward God's work. They were mocked, scourged, bound, imprisoned, stoned, sawn asunder, slain with the sword and driven into exile. Here is the heroic missionary spirit. Have we got it? Do we deny ourselves for the spread of Christ's kingdom? He gave His life for us. What are we giving for Him?

BIBLE READINGS.

Judg. iv, 1-9; vi, 33-40; xiii, 24, 25; I Sam. i, 24-28; xii, 18-25; Isa. vi, 1-8; John iii, 1-10; Matt. x, 1-8; Luke x, 1-9; Acts xiii, 1-5; II Cor. xi, 23-33.

An Opinion From the Transvaal.

One of the students who are pursuing the Christian Endeavor course of the correspondence school is Mr. David N. Robertson of Langlaagte, in the far-away Transvaal. In an examination paper he gives the following excellent reasons why the Christian Endeavor movement is peculiarly needed by the church of today:

First.—Because so many of the members of churches are not in active service. The movement provides activities for the rising generation.

Second.—Because it is not often evident to outsiders whether a man is a Christian. The movement provides opportunity for confession of Christ.

Third.—Because in the present day, when denominational bonds have been loosed, young people are likely to wander from church to church and become unsettled, whereas the society requires regular attendance at one's own church.

Fourth.—Because interdenominational fellowship is in every way desirable in the present day.

Endeavor Is "Going."

Other wise ones tell us that the day of Endeavor is passing. Yes, I think Endeavor is going, but "going" in quite a different sense. It no longer shines like the fitful firefly, but rather with the steady glow of a white heat. "The shouting and the tumult die," but the steady, sure service of Endeavor glows like a hidden fire in the heart of the church. In some instances Endeavor has gone—that is, it has gone away ahead of the church in aggressive, common sense soul saving and soul building effort. "It is going"—yes, going on gloriously. When the present generation is forgotten, two things will be more alive and vigorous in their influence than ever—the Bible and Christian Endeavor.—Rev. John H. Elliott, D. D., in Endeavorer.

More and More.

God's promises are ever on the ascending scale. One leads up to another, fuller and more blessed than itself. In Mesopotamia God said, "I will show

thee the land;" in Canaan, "I will give thee all the land and children innumerable as the grains of sand." It is thus that God allures us to saintliness—not giving us anything till we have dared to act, that He may test us; not giving everything at first, that He may not overwhelm us, and always keeping in hand an infinite reserve of blessing. Oh, the unexplored remainders of God! Who ever saw His last star?—Rev. F. B. Myer in Christian Endeavor World.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 4.

Topic.—New Courage for new work.—Ps. cxliv, 1-15; Acts xxviii, 15.

The secret of perpetual motion has never been discovered. With all man's progress he has never yet discovered a power that can be perpetually sustained. Sooner or later it must be renewed if work is to be continued. The locomotive needs new steam each day for its work. The electric dynamo must constantly generate new electricity if the work for which it furnishes the power is to be continued. For each new day our physical bodies must have their strength renewed in order to perform the work of life. So also it is in the religious world new courage and strength are needed for each new work. The courage of last week will not sustain us for this week's work. As we need bread day by day, so daily we need the courage that strengthens us for the work of life.

1. The necessity of new courage for new work is divinely recognized. When God calls men to important advanced places, He encourages them to be strong and promises to be with them to encourage and strengthen them. To Joshua, when he was called upon to take up the work of Moses, He said, "Be strong and of good courage." And again, "Only be thou strong and very courageous that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses, my servant, commanded thee." And even again he said, "Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." God thus recognizes our need for new courage and enjoins us to be courageous and strong in Him.

2. New courage for new work is divinely promised, and this promise is fulfilled. "I will strengthen thee" is the promise of God to us. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Daily strength for daily need is God's promise. He does not promise strength to-day for tomorrow, or this year for next year. This is unnecessary. We live in moments, not in years, and the promise of renewed strength for each new moment is all that is necessary. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Let us therefore wait upon Him that we may be able to say with the psalmist, "Blessed be the Lord, my strength."

But men may be of great encouragement to each other. Visited by brethren while on the way to Rome, Paul "thanked God and took courage."

Human sympathy and co-operation in the work of the Lord are no small factors in our success. This being so, we should more often take advantage of the opportunity to sympathize with one another and to speak words of good cheer as we journey and labor together along the pathway of life.

BIBLE READINGS.

Deut. xxxi, 1-8; Josh. i, 1-7; x, 25; II Sam. x, 12; II Chron. xix, 11; Ez. x, 1-4; Ps. xxvii, 14; xxxi, 24; Isa. xl, 27-31; Eph. vi, 10-20.

Not a "Picnic."

If any one is inclined to regard Dr. Clark's Christian Endeavor journeys as anything but the strenuous and arduous enterprises which they really are we commend him to some figures which we venture to extract from one of Dr. Clark's private letters just received.

On the present journey he will have traveled during the 195 days of his absence 23,000 miles by sea and 10,700 miles by land, a total of 33,700 miles.

He has made 175 addresses and conducted 50 conferences.

His audiences have ranged from 100 in the smaller conferences to 10,000, and they have aggregated 250,000 souls.

He has written 58 articles, containing a total of 85,000 words. His letters have been numberless.

And the hardest part of the journey, as any convention worker understands, is the need of keeping at high tension all the time, ready to give out in any chance conversation the inspiration that may plant the seeds of Christian Endeavor in a new and large region.

If any one thinks all this to be easy and pure fun let him try it.—Christian Endeavor World.

A Unique Button Badge.

The Broome county (N. Y.) union for one of its annual conventions conceived the idea of this unique button badge. The



kindly face of the founder of Christian Endeavor looking out from it gave it a large value as a souvenir, and every delegate

was careful to register in order to secure the button, which could not be had in any other way. This mention may suggest to other unions to "go and do likewise."

Three Briefs.

There are over 300,000 Endeavorers in Great Britain and Ireland.

In the early days of the Endeavor society in Ceylon the Endeavorers marked certain cocoanut trees whose fruit should be devoted entirely to the Lord.

Four hundred and sixty new societies is the record of the United Kingdom since January, 1903, or more than one new society formed every day; 125 of these societies were Juniors. Of the

denominations represented, Primitive Methodists lead the way with more than 130 new societies.

Australian Endeavor.

The Australasian union was formed in 1893 and is a very active organization, holding conventions that are acknowledged to be the greatest religious gatherings ever held in the southern hemisphere.—Irish Endeavorer.

In Ohio.

They "do things" in a Christian Endeavor way in Ohio. The following is the summary of the work of Field Secretary Rev. C. H. Hubbell for ten months just past: Engagements filled, 189; addresses and conferences, 421; county conventions, 31; societies reached, 831; mileage, 17,308. With such untiring workers it is not to be wondered at that Ohio leads the list in the increase campaign.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 11.

Topic.—What the Bible teaches about heaven.—John xiv, 1-3; Rev. xxi, 1-8.

What the Bible has to say about heaven is of the greatest importance, because nowhere else can we find any trustworthy information upon this all important subject. Heaven is the dwelling place of God (II Chron. vi, 30), the place where He especially manifests His glory (Rev. iv, 1-5), and where He will by and by gather all His redeemed children (John xiv, 1-3).

What, then, does the Bible say about heaven?

The Bible teaches that there is a place called heaven. "In My Father's house," says Christ, "are many mansions." This is a positive assertion. They actually are. This is the language of assurance, not of doubt or even of hope. Heaven is—this is the first great truth of the Bible concerning it. If we believe the Bible we cannot doubt it. This fact of itself should inspire the people of God to faithfulness even amidst the adversities of life. We are simply pilgrims here. Heaven is our home.

The Bible teaches us of the inhabitants of heaven. (1) God is there. Christ calls heaven His "Father's house." God is omnipresent, but in heaven He especially manifests himself. (2) Christ is there. "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am you may be also." "Where I am!" Christ is there, and where He is that is heaven. (3) The redeemed are there—all those who have been redeemed in the precious blood of Christ. This includes all the redeemed from the apostles to the humblest disciple of Christ. To the former Jesus said, "That where I am ye may be also," and to a representative of the latter, the dying thief on the cross, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." To John, the elder said of those whom he saw in heaven, "These are they that have come up out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The cross of Christ is the only open sesame to heaven.

The Bible teaches us of the conditions in heaven. It is true that here the teaching is meager and often hard to understand. Descriptions of heaven and its conditions are largely symbolical and figurative. Yet the Bible plainly teaches that it is a place freed from all the ills of this life, the inhabitants of which enjoy perfect happiness. Such a place as our eternal home is worthy the utmost self sacrifice that can be possible in the acceptance of Christ as our Saviour.

The Bible teaches the condition of entrance into heaven. There is but one condition—the acceptance of Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and Redeemer. We must accept His atoning sacrifice for us and consecrate our lives to God in Him. Will you do it?

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. xvi, 11; Isa. xlix, 10; Dan. xii, 1-3; Matt. v, 1-12; xiii, 43; Luke xii, 37; John xi, 19-27; I Pet. i, 1-5; Rev. iv, 1-4; vii, 9-17.

A Delightful Incident.

The next issue of the China official Endeavor publication will have this interesting item:

A most delightful incident occurred at a meeting of the Christian Endeavor society in Union church, Hongkong. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hickling, who is using his Endeavor society as a means of interesting and encouraging the Christian soldiers stationed there, had invited the Endeavor secretaries for India and China to come to the meeting and speak a few words about the work in other places, but quite unexpectedly two other strangers came into the little meeting, one of whom proved to be the founder of the first Christian Endeavor society in all India and the other the son of one of India's most famous missionaries. And what had called these four strangers, without any prearrangement, to come together at this little meeting? Simply the attractions of the Christian Endeavor name and the Christian Endeavor bond of fellowship and the pledge "to attend and take some part in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting." Is it not a great advantage that the Endeavor society not simply inspires its members with loyalty to their local church, but also brings them into a strong sympathy with fellow Endeavorers all over the world?

Pen Points.

The Christian Endeavor pledge reads the same during vacation time that it does at any other season of the year.

That Christian Endeavor is progressive is proved by the quantity and quality of its forward movements.

The ideal pastor does not drive his society; he leads it.

That lookout committee cannot be characterized as "the eyes of the society" which does not see in the church homeless stranger a prospective member for Christian Endeavor.

In the ideal prayer meeting prayer, not singing nor even testimony, predominates.—John R. Clements.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

PROSPECTS OF GOOD TIMES THIS FALL AND WINTER.

Never before in the history of Hartford has there been such a call for thoroughly trained office assistants as at present. During the past year the Morse Business College has placed its students just as fast as they finished their course of study and very many times the demand for young men in banks and insurance companies and the demand for both male and female stenographers in offices of mercantile and manufacturing companies has far exceeded the supply.

All through July and August, particularly, the telephone at the Morse College has been kept busy by business men calling for more Morse graduates and many an excellent start in life in the office of some prosperous enterprise has been offered. The greatest amount of calls has been for competent stenographers and for young men graduates of the commercial course. Competency counts and business men have learned that thorough students of good moral charac-



ter can be found at Morse's. Large numbers of the Morse graduates are holding responsible positions not only in Hartford but throughout the Eastern United States, many being now in New York City, and some in Cuba, Canada, South America and the Philippines. Students are often graduated one day and sent to desirable positions the next. When it is borne

in mind that a considerable number of the large enrollment of this college take the courses to prepare them for situations already assured, or contemplate embarking in business on their own account, it can be readily seen that Principal Morse is able to assist all who desire his help. It is important that a student prove himself possessed of a character for integrity and industry, and to be of pleasing manners. Students who are polite, cheerful and not afraid of work get the most desirable offers.

The "Church Review" takes pleasure in recommending to parents the Morse Business College, as an institution that deals fairly with its patrons, that possesses character training and that has a most thorough course of training for a business life. This institution offers two complete courses: the Business Course and the course in Shorthand and Typewriting. Both are of great value to young people entering a business life and both are taught by business-experienced men teachers. A large and finely illustrated catalogue which has lately been issued by the Morse College can be had by writing for same. This institution is now open to visitors and the fall term begins on September first.



Students Receiving Individual Instruction—Wholesale Office, Morse Business College.

WHAT'S THE REASON?

Some men get on in the world; others don't. Sometimes it's a case of more brains, but not always. The secret of success for most men is locked up in the hours between work and bed time. Many a man has found this true, who has taken a course at the Hillyer Institute, a practical night school for men. The words of commendation from former students show this. One man writes, my pay at the time of entering the Institute was \$1.25 for ten hours' work, and now I am getting \$2.25 for nine hours with a chance for advancement. Another says he has accepted a position with a larger salary than he ever received before. He credits this to his training at the Institute. Cases similar to these might be multiplied, but they are sufficient to prove that a course at the Institute under experienced teachers, who take a deep interest in each individual student, helps the young man to get along in the world. The number of subjects has been increased this year to thirty, which includes commercial and industrial branches, science, language, music and art.

The social features of the Young Men's Christian Association are available for the students and take away the grind of ordinary school work. A half hour before or after class in playing some games or reading some of the papers or magazines makes the student feel that this kind of educational work is really a pleasure.

The new illustrated catalog giving full information in regard to the various classes and clubs can be obtained free by writing, calling or 'phoning for one to the Young Men's Christian Association. You should secure one and see how large an opportunity is here offered to prepare for a successful life.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The good work of the Open Hearth never ceases and the present Summer has brought large numbers to our doors, who seek shelter, advice and labor. During Superintendent Miller's absence, Mr. S. W. Raymond is in charge, and under his direction the meetings are well attended and large numbers profess their desire to return to the ways of sobriety and happiness. Our meeting room has been painted on the outside by our own men and now presents a fine appearance. The gardens, also, are flourishing, while the swings and tennis court are well patronized. The Open Air excursions have given great joy to our people and our friends of The Courant may be satisfied that their

good work is fully appreciated. We look forward to the return of our beloved Superintendent in the early fall, with renewed health, and feel that the Open Hearth and all connected with the institution will give him a hearty welcome back to the duties he loves so well and in which he has met with so great success.

JAPAN AS VIEWED BY AN INDIAN CHRISTIAN.

The Christian Church in Japan numbers today about 300,000, but it exercises an influence utterly disproportionate to the smallness of numbers. In spite of their faults and failings due to the fact that they are less than fifty years removed from anti-Christian influences of the worst kind, and are still surrounded by various hindrances, the Christians of Japan are a noble body of men and women, loved and honored by fellow Japanese and foreigners. Christian influence is spread through a voluminous native literature, through philanthropic and social reform movements which, unlike India, are in the hands of Christians, and through various associations.

The Japanese Bible is widely circulated and has become even to the non-Christian bookseller a source of profit. There are a few Japanese newspapers owned, managed and edited by Christians, who work to uphold Christian institutions and are striving to introduce higher ideals into Japanese journalism. There is a still larger number of journals whose conductors, though not professedly Christian, distinctively favor Christianity. Temperance organizations are entirely in the hands of Christians, as are also such movements as the S. P. C. A. and the Red Cross Society.

The leaders of new Japan are favorable to Christianity and its institutions, and are reconstructing the nation largely on Christian lines and with Christian ideas. And there is Christian life at the heart, for it is that life which is inspiring Japan with new ideas and ideals. And when we take into consideration how much Christianity has done for Japan in less than fifty years, we may safely prophesy that within this century Japan will become practically a Christian nation. "Christianity," says a great authority on Japan, "is bound to become a greater power in Japan, but it will be a Christianity modified by nature, ideas and influence."

The future of Japan points to amazing extension of Christian influence. "I am convinced," says an ex-Cabinet Minister, "that the religion of Christ is the one most full of strength and promise for the nation."—From the Madras Christian Patriot.

A POLITE PRISONER.

A Christian lady who was visiting a jail had been much impressed with the appearance and behavior of the prisoners, and she took occasion to express her approval to the warder.

"They seem as courteous as anybody," she said enthusiastically, "even if they don't say anything."

"Yes, they're polite enough," assented the jailer. "But I'm a little suspicious of too fine manners."

"I don't see how you can be!" exclaimed the lady.

"Well, I am," declared the warder, "and I have been ever since one of the smoothest of them broke out of jail and left a note for me in which he wrote, 'I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I'm taking.'"—C. E. World.

THE INFIDEL WAS SILENT.

A well known lecturer on Christian evidences was delivering an address on "Through Nature to God," and was showing how God's wisdom was manifested in all His creatures.

At the close of the lecture an infidel rose and asked: "Why did God make the flea to bite man?"

Quick as thought came the reply: "A flea is a deputation from God's sanitary authority to inform you that you want a bath."

Needless to say, no more questions emanated from that source.

DECISIVE, CERTAINLY.

Senator Hoar, after one of the Mormon hearings in Washington, told this story:

A Mormon once argued polygamy with Mark Twain. The Mormon insisted that polygamy was moral, and he defied Twain to cite any passage of Scripture that forbade the practice.

"Well," said the humorist, "how about the passage that tells us no man can serve two masters?"

TOO SCOTCH FOR HIM.

Bishop Mackay-Smith, the witty coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania, told a comical story recently.

A young Scotch minister, having married the daughter of the wealthiest member of his church, in a country town in Pennsylvania, was obliged to apologize publicly for an error in the report of the wedding. The reporter had asked where the pastor and his bride intended to live, and had been told "At the old manse." As this statement appeared in print the reply was "At the old man's."

How strange it is that you tell a horse's age by the horse's teeth, but a chicken's age by your own!—*Toten Topics*.

He: "Did you see the pleased expression on her face when I told her she didn't look any older than her daughter?"

She: "No; I was looking at the expression on her daughter's face."—*De-troit Free Press*.

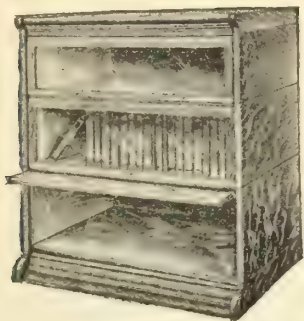
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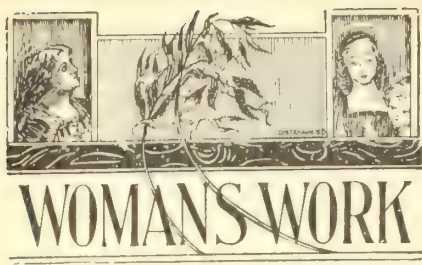
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SHELTER FOR WOMEN

Miss M. J. Halstead, the matron, who left home Friday, August 5, for a month's recreation, will spend the earlier part of the time with family friends in the vicinity of Boston. The best wishes of Miss Halstead's many friends go with her.

Mrs. Coates, assistant matron, with her daughter, Louise, returned last week from a most enjoyable vacation spent at Ocean Grove, N. J., and at Ivoryton, in this state.

Mr. E. F. Jennison, who conducts Sunday service at the Home, returned yesterday from a four days' attendance of the conference of Christian Workers at Northfield.

Miss Winifred White, student at the Missionary Training School, at Nyack-on-the-Hudson, took charge of our service last Sunday.

Miss Halstead, with about twenty members and friends of the Shelter family, spent a most delightful afternoon Thursday, July 28, as the guests of Mrs. J. J. Goodwin of Woodland street.

The Praying Band conducted a prayer service at our Home Wednesday evening of last week.

The members of the Wethersfield Flower Mission are continuing this summer their kindly work of contributing bouquets for distribution. The flowers have been carried to people in varied conditions of life, including the young and the aged, the ill, the needy and captives because of crime. The evident pleasure and appreciation of the recipients adds good cheer to the heart of the distributor.

To the Flower Mission we would quote the words of our Saviour: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the last of these—ye have done it unto me."

Gifts to the Home from orchard and garden, from other sources, also, have been most acceptable. Will all donors kindly accept our thanks.

During the last seven weeks, four connected with our family have been called hence by the angel of another life.

A committee of ladies from the Children's Aid Society recently visited "Playridge," the Society's cottage at Woodmont, taking with them

some of the blind children in whom the Society is interested, and also enjoying a pleasant day's outing themselves.

Miss Jones, of the Social Settlement, took several parties of children to Saybrook during July, each party remaining for two weeks. All were delighted with their outing.

It almost seems like sending coals to Newcastle for American nurses to go to Japan, for it is said that more than 10,000 Japanese women have volunteered to go to the front as nurses. Many of these have had the most modern and scientific instruction in the hospital training schools of Japan. The Red Cross is well organized in Japan with the Empress at its head. It demonstrated its efficiency during the war with China; and we may add, its tenderness also, for it cared for Chinese and Japanese alike to the great astonishment of the former. Doubtless this fact more than all others helped to heal the breach between them and to cement the bonds of amity on which Japan now confidently relies.

There are fifty-three ordained women ministers in the orthodox Congregational church in the United States.

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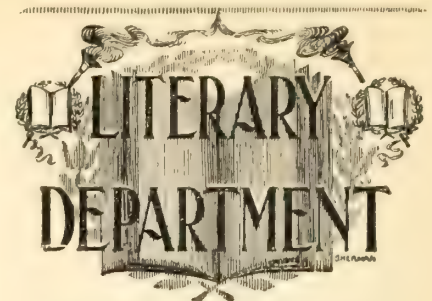
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Eliot Gregory's "Visiting in Country Houses," the leading article in the August (Midsummer Holiday) "Century," is a plea for the guest, a plea for hospitality only when the welcome is sincere and the liberty complete, and when the host and hostess take the thought and trouble to "sleep occasionally in their own guest chambers." The pictures, by Charlotte Harding, are also more than usually attractive.

The general public does not realize the attitude the real journalist holds toward his work. A story in illustration is told by Lincoln Steffens, of "McClure's Magazine". Recently while gathering material for one of his articles on the misgovernment of cities he chanced to be in the smoking compartment of a train on his way to the particular city then under consideration, with two strangers. These men began to talk of inside political matters in the city and in the course of their conversation revealed many important political secrets. Mr. Steffens overheard all and said nothing. The next morning he introduced himself to one of the men, told him of his purpose and asked him if he had any further information to impart. The politician was completely confounded and rushed to tell his friend of their exposure. Two very anxious politicians awaited the publication of Mr. Steffens' article and no doubt heaved great sighs of relief when they discovered that he had used none of the information thus given him. Confidences are not news.

Ralph Connor begins a new novel, "The Prospector," in the August Fiction number of "Leslie's Monthly Magazine," and the first chapters promise a better story than either "The Sky Pilot" or "Black Rock". There are eleven other stories in this number, by such people as Henry C. Rowland, Alice MacGowan, Holman F. Day, and Rev. E. Beach.

A remarkable series of photographs taken at night and printed without manipulation of negatives or plates is that illustrating the splendor of the World's Fair in its night illumination—the Cascade, Festival Hall, the Educational Building, and other great features—in all half a dozen fine full page pictures. These were taken by Mr. Arthur Hewett and appear in the "Outlook's Magazine" number for August. The same issue, which is the seventeenth annual Educational Number of "The Outlook", has a leading article on "The World's Fair as an Educative Force."

"The Cosmopolitan" for August is the Midsummer Fiction Number, and contains some excellent short stories by Cyrus Townsend Brady, Howard Markle Hoke and others. Henry Clews writes strongly and entertainingly on "Wall Street's Wild Speculation" and the editor, John Brisben Walker, writes on "The High Privilege of the Voter" and on "What is Education." The number is finely illustrated.

The "Book Lover's Magazine" for August contains an excellent series of color reproductions of paintings, as well as the usual half-tones and drawings of interest. This magazine is one of the most artistically gotten-up magazines published in the country.

Mr. W. H. Gocher of this city is compiling a work on "Wadsworth, or the

to them that there is no sting in any of the caricatures, that the humor is kindly and apparent, and the wit lively and appropriate.

The Cost of Something for Nothing. By John P. Altgeld. 132 pages, 12mo. Chicago: The Hammersmark Pub. Co. Price \$1.00.

There is here in the East an impression of John P. Altgeld as a demagogue and a politician of questionable methods. Perhaps it is an ill-founded idea very regrettable if it is unjust, for the Altgeld, who reveals himself in these essays, is a calm and humanity-loving philosopher, seeing corruption with serious apprehension and earnest purpose to reveal it.

The essay which opens the book and gives it its title is no mere demagogic utterance, but a fearless and clear warning against dishonorable meth-

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"The Value of a Soul" is a brilliant oration, reading as well as it might have been spoken, and yet powerful and logical in its reasoning.

Working With the Hands. By Booker T. Washington. 246 pages, 8 vo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price, \$1.50.

Those who read "Up From Slavery," which was reviewed in these columns when published, will be anxious to read this when they know it is a sequel to the other book.

The book under notice covers the author's experiences in industrial



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Charter Oak," which will be a valuable contribution to records of Colonial history. It will contain matter concerning Captain Joseph Wadsworth and his associates at the time of Andros' attempt to withdraw the royal charter. The work is to be sold by subscription only, at \$2 a volume. It will be published about September 15, when a more complete review will be given in these columns.

Bird Center Cartoons. By John T. McCutcheon. 200 pages, large 8 vo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.

Mr. McCutcheon is cartoonist for the "Chicago Tribune" and these drawings and the accompanying text, chronicling and caricaturing the social happenings in a small community, appeared in that journal, and, in part, in the "Chicago Record-Herald."

Probably "Cartoons by McCutcheon," published a year ago, has made the artist's name and work familiar to many readers of these columns, and it will hardly be necessary to say

ods in business or politics.

It is far pleasanter to remember Governor Altgeld with a feeling of confidence in the honesty of these posthumously published words.

Stories of the Ancient Greeks. By Charles D. Shaw. 264 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price, 75 cents.

This collection of stories of mythological and historical heroes and heroines is offered for the use of children. The purpose is well carried out, so that the young who see this volume will find an instant interest in such characters as Perseus, Diogenes and others familiar to older readers.

The illustrations by Mr. George A. Harker are well drawn sketches, which add much to the volume.

Seeing Darkly. By Rev. J. Sparhawk Jones, D. D. 188 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. Price, 75 cents. "Seeing Darkly" is the first of a

training at Tuskegee Institute.

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Rulers of Kings. By Gertrude Atherton. 413 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price, \$1.50.

Mrs. Atherton has recently been expressing her very poor opinion of contemporary American literature, so that it is significantly surprising to find in this, her latest novel, a somewhat sordid and commonplace tone.

There is, however, certainly a brilliancy in the development of the story, which accentuates its original-

ity. The reader cannot but be closely held by the conflict of American wealth and European royalty. Surely he or she will be elated when the hero succeeds, against all opposition, in winning the hand of the Emperor's daughter.

The Effendi. By Florence Brooks Whitehouse. 414 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price, \$1.50.

The reader who wants excitement will find plenty of it here. A prologue dealing with the fall of Khar-toum and the death of General Gordon, introduces some of the characters of the story and prepares the

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Holding the Ropes. By Belle M. Brain. 224 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price, \$1.00.

A volume of practical plans and suggestions for stimulating individual interest and directing the efforts of missionary societies toward the most effective work.

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New England in Letters. By Rufus Rockwell Wilson. 384 pages, 12 mo. New York: A Wessels Co. Price, \$1.50.

The human interest is notable throughout this attractive volume, the author describing his pilgrimages to all the noteworthy literary landmarks of New England in such a way as to convey an intimate personal impression.

The following selections from chapter heading give a good idea of the tone of the work: "Wanderings in Whittier Land," "Cambridge and Its Worthies," "The Autocrat and His Comrades," "A Winding Bay State Journey," and "Connecticut Wits and Worthies"—this last of special local interest.

The work is historic as well as literary and the association of the writings of each author with its environment, gives a refreshing, instructive and delightful result. There are six excellent illustrations.

The Old Testament Doctrine of Salvation. By Wm. Deas Kerswill, M. A., D. D. 215 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. Price, \$1.00.

As comparatively few Christians have more than a vague idea of how men were saved in Old Testament times and hold a position of thoughtless agnosticism on the subject, the present writer has undertaken to elucidate what must be an interesting problem to many.

The argument is simple and clear, but still profoundly thoughtful. One is very apt to be logically convinced that there is no hostility or inconsistency between the Old Testament and the New, in respect to the doctrine of salvation.

The Staff Method. By Rev. S. S. Mitchell, D. D. 178 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. Price, 75 cents.

Calmly helpful and satisfying sermons, such as "The Divine-Human Face," it is well to have in permanent form, as in this collection. The picture given of the Christ, when appealed to by the sinning woman whom the angry mob wished to stone, is full of beauty and infinite pathos. The manliness of His rebuke and the expression of the "Divine-Human" features, will mean much to the readers of this book.

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Sea Stories for Wonder Eyes. By Mrs. A. S. Hardy. 157 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price, 75 cents.

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"Little Boy"—and even some bigger ones—who read this attractive and well illustrated little volume.

The Fisherman's Hand-Book. By Edgar S. Shrubsole. 189 pages, 16 mo. New York: John Lane. Price, cloth, \$1.00; leather, \$1.20.

This is Volume VIII of the "Country Hand-Books" series. Like the others, its readability and practical value is notable, though one very quickly sees that the author is writing for an English audience rather than an American one.

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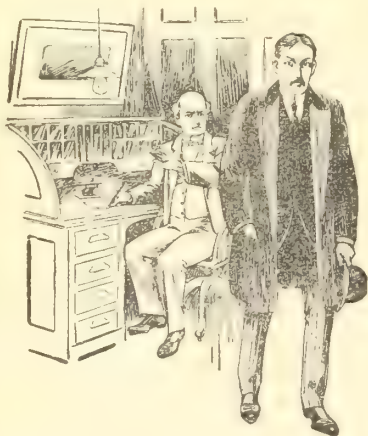
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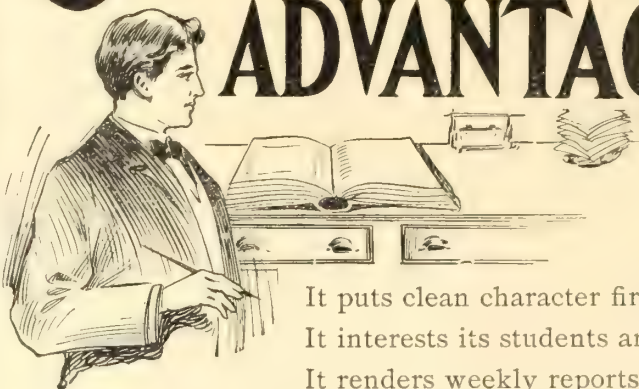
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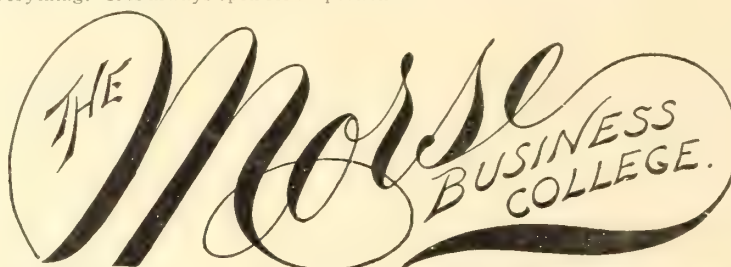


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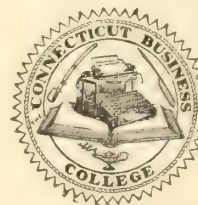
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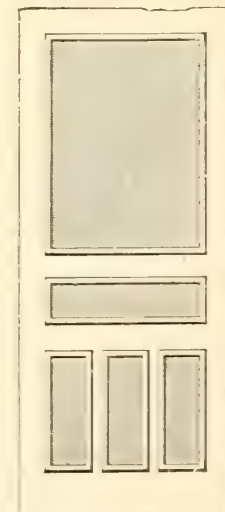
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WORK.

Let me but do my work from day to day,
 In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
 In roaring market place, or tranquil room;
 Let me but find it in my heart to say,
 "This is my work: my blessing, not my doom.
 Of all who live, I am the one by whom
 This work can best be done, in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great nor small
 To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
 Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
 And cheerful tune, when the long shadows fall
 At eventide, to play and love and rest,
 Because I know for me my work is best.

—The Outlook.

UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE.

By Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams.

There are times when the passion to go out and sit under a tree becomes irresistible to the man who loves all outdoors. It is like the overmastering desire for the open sea which, for ages, has made a race of mariners, the world over. I was going to say that it was as unaccountable as the appetite for strong drink, but I cannot bear to compare a noble thirst with an ignoble and debasing. For when one feels this passion for the greenwood tree coming over him, he may know that the better man in him is rising up and demanding care — the man that lives on something more than bread alone, the man that lan-

guishes and dies in the artificial life of the city.

So when my heart began to ache for the leafy roof above and the turfy floor beneath, I called up my friend the Parson and inquired whether he did not have the same inward craving that I did. I knew well enough what his answer would be — what it always is. The mention of a trip in the open air gives him a "tired feeling" just as certainly as the reading of the medicine advertisements in the morning papers produces it in the frame of the chronic druggist. The Parson felt as I did, and agreed to let me guide him to the tree I had in mind. In another hour his cheerful face beamed on me from a West Village trolley car, which I mounted, and the trip had begun.

There is something fairly dramatic in the way westward, toward the country and the hills. One's exit from the town begins with that ride through the avenue which is always and perennially an episode in the day on which it is taken. It is a graduated progress from an attractive city to a still more fascinating country. The great trees stand like green-liveried ushers of the wood, to hand you on to the delights awaiting you. The grass and the shrubbery are a lively whet to the appetite for mowing fields and sedgy bogs and alder thickets. The long hill which rises from the lazy river to the first great ridge which guards the view of the range beyond, is like the overture before the curtain rises on the play. And when the crest is reached, and the wide valley is seen sweeping in a long hollow to the uplands, clad in thick woods, I, for one, always have a little gasping

for the breath which comes faster just here, as it does when I step out of the forest to the open ledges on Chocorua or Greylock, or halt on the flinty cliffs of Nahant or the bold headland of York Nubble. There are three men to whom a range of hills like that one ahead, is a challenge not to be refused — the man with the trout rod, the man with the botanist's tin box, and the man with lungs athirst for fresh air and eyes hungry for landscape.

The Parson and I left the cars at the crossroads and did the four miles to the greenwood tree on foot. It was good to feel the road under one's soles, and the south wind fanning the moistening brow, and the good warm sun tanning cheek and hand. Talk about tonics, "nerve foods," "pick-me-ups," and the like, the rakings of drug stores and cafés! They are poor crutches for the halt; this walk in the open is the quickening touch of the great healer, Mother Nature. The open air is good for more cures than the restoration of the consumptive. "Wat's the sweetest smell on airth?" asked dear Parson Wilbur of Hosea Biglow, and his own answer was: "Ef you want to know," sez he, "open your winders of a mornin' any season, and you'll larn that the best of perfooms is jest fresh air, — fresh air," sez he, emphysizin', "athout no mixtur." It is also the wholesomest and the fullest of hope to the jaded and the sick. To walk this few miles between the waving grasses and budding daisies that border the roadside, miles deep on either hand, to inhale the fragrance of the clover and the dank odors of the ferns, to march to the music of the song sparrow's solo and the bobolink's quickstep, is to have all the weariness

taken out of the way, and to tread on air. It neutralizes rheumatism and counteracts dyspepsia and dispels melancholy. For two miles the road billows away to the great basins of the city's water supply. Then the forest is almost within reach, and the ledges begin to show their gray walls amongst the green. Soon the road bends north, and the wayside thickets grow denser, and at last comes the charming turn, just beyond a sharp little hill, and you are in the woods. Half a mile more brings you to that most fascinating of all paths to follow,—an old, grass-grown meandering wood road, crossed by little rills, flanked by echoing forest, twisting its way up hill to the little pass in the crags which somebody has named the Cathedral Rocks.

They are only eight miles from the city's center, and they are a bit of natural scenery as fine as anything in the Berkshires or the Catskills. On either side sheer perpendicular cliffs sit themselves above the chestnuts and the maples, mossy, cool and tranquil, a veritable stronghold of restfulness, a bastioned and buttressed fortress of quiet, moated with deep ravines, battlemented with boulders, impregnable against the city's din and dust and disorder. There is a hush all about one, a reminder that quiet and serenity are the rule of behavior in this solitude. If any inscription were needed above these rocky portals, it should be, "Abandon fret and care and haste, all ye who clamber here."

A narrow path winds around the western shoulder of the crags leading to the roof of this woodland stronghold, this fastness of the forest spirits, this asylum for the hurried, the worn and the burdened. There the trees close in behind the newcomer, the guest in this hall of the sylvan gods, the patient at this sanatorium of the open air, and he begins at once to feel the healing and comfort prepared for him here. At his feet the gleaming leaves of the chestnuts and the oaks shine like the untiled roofs of a forest city. Away in the distance the teeming farms show fair and rich in their June verdure. The hills, across the river's broad valley, are dimmed by a turquoise haze, and near at hand in a soaring chestnut, a wood thrush intones the welcome that falls like a benediction on the ear. "Cheerily! Cheerily! Weary One! Weary One! While-away!" Ah! the everlasting joy and boon of the greenwood tree!

We sat upon a shelving ledge that hung, like a rocky balcony, over the ravine and the woody depths below, and feasted upon a sumptuous trampers' lunch. On a bench of stone, up-

holstered in moss and wood grasses, under an awning of oak leaves, with glimpses of drifting clouds against the blue sky above us, and vistas of an emerald world stretching away to the horizon, what guests, at any hotelry, fared better than the Parson and I that day at the Sign of the Greenwood Tree!

In the world's standard of values, the soul is not considered, although it is the determining factor of character, and is silently connected with the history of the world's civilization. What does the world care for the soul? It does not inquire, even, whether such an entity obtains. Hence its oppressions, its vices, its false standards, its disregard of social rights, its unrestrained greed for gain, its unrequited toil, its heartless cruelties often culminating in bloodshed.—J. H. Snyder, D. D.



FACADE OF CATHEDRAL.

SANTO DOMINGO.

The Oldest European City on American Soil.

By Frederick A. Ober.

The oldest city of European construction in America is to be found in the West Indies, in the island of Santo Domingo, the name of which it bears, and it was founded by Don Bartholomew Columbus, a brother of the great discoverer. Situated as it is, so near to our North Atlantic ports that it can be reached by less than a week's steaming, or, to be exact, in about five days, the wonder is that it is not oftener visited.

On his second voyage across the Atlantic, in 1493, Christopher Columbus sailed further south than in his

former venture, first sighting land at Dominica in the Lesser Antilles, thence coasting the chain until he arrived at his point of departure of the year before, on the north coast of Santo Domingo, where he laid the foundation for a settlement which he called "Isabella," after the Queen of Spain. The site, however, was unhealthy, and three years later, while Christopher was absent on a voyage, his brother Bartholomew sent exploring parties out in every direction searching for a better situation. This was found by accident on the south side of the island, by a common soldier who, having deserted Don Bartholomew's command, fled to an unknown section where he was entertained by an Indian princess, who fell in love with him. Learning that he greatly desired to get some gold, she took him to the secret sources of supply whence her people had taken great quantities of the precious metal. There he found "a nugget as large as a table," and inferring that the information would be acceptable to his commander, he ventured back to Isabella with his wonderful story. Don Bartholomew pardoned him for deserting, on account of the valuable news he had brought, and soon after set out for the mines himself. Finding the south coast much more advantageous than the north, he at once set about planting a settlement. It was in 1496 that Don Bartholomew started the town on the east bank of the Ozama river; but it was destroyed by a hurricane in 1502, and the surviving settlers removed to the west bank, where the present city stands.

Local tradition points out an ancient castle near the river's mouth known as the "Homenage," in which it is stated Christopher Columbus was confined in chains, previous to being sent to Spain in the year 1500. But the truth is that this castle, ancient as it is, was not built until 1509, long after the historic event took place, though it is indeed the oldest structure of its kind in America. The same year, also (1509), Don Diego Columbus was sent out to Santo Domingo as viceroy, establishing the first viceroyal court in America, and the great palace he built, called even now the Casa de Colon, or House of Columbus, stands a stone's throw distant from the castle. The erstwhile palace of Don Diego is now roofless and in ruins, but its massive walls still rise above the river's bank in noble contrast to the squalor of their immediate surroundings. Santo Domingo is a walled city, its chief entrance-way being near and to the left of the Casa de Colon. A short distance inside the



LEAD CASKET.
Former Receptacle of Columbus Bones.

walls are the extensive ruins of the monastery of San Francisco, the first establishment of the order founded in America, in the chapel of which, tradition states, are buried Bartholomew Columbus, and the lion-hearted conquistador, Alonzo de Ojeda. As a ruin merely, irrespective of its historical

closely examine the pavement of the nave, where will be found a large tombstone with an escudo carved upon it — the coat-of-arms of some Spanish grandee dead and buried centuries ago — yet displaying a shield and thirteen stars, the number and the emblems of our original states, but chiselled in that marble two hundred years before our famous Declaration.

The church is also interesting as having attached to it the ruins of the first university ever founded in the New World, which carry us back to the time when the good missionary-bishop, Las Casas, taught here, and tried in vain to counteract the terrible deeds of his brother Spaniards with their encomiendas of Indians. One might wander amongst these ruins for days, and discover something worth while every hour in the day. There is

in their keeping, pointing to an alleged transference to Havana, in 1795, and more recently, a few years ago in fact, from Cuba back to Spain again. But, at all events, the Dominicans will show you the casket containing the "only veritable remains of Columbus," which consist of a few bones, some dust, a silver plate or two, and a bullet; all found in a leaden coffin unearthed in 1867.

Outside the cathedral stands a monument to Columbus, with his life-size figure atop, crouching beneath which is an effigy of Anacaona, an Indian princess murdered by the Spaniards. There are other objects of interest in Santo Domingo, many, in sooth; but the best thing the lover of American history and romance can do is to take steamer for the ancient city, and then it will be seen that the



STATUE OF COLUMBUS AND ANACAONA IN FRONT OF CATHEDRAL.

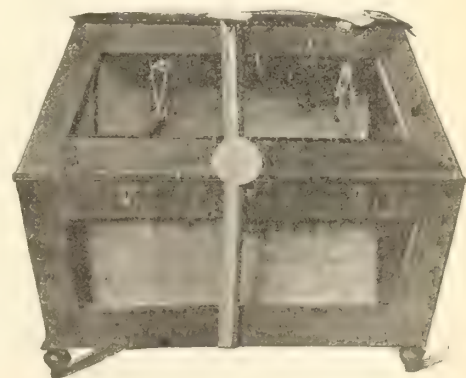
associations, this old monastery, with its vine-draped walls and cloister arches, will well repay a visit. There are stories extant of vast buried treasure here, and it is well known to all residents of the city that a subterranean passageway leads to the Casa del Cordon, on a street two hundred yards away.

Enclosed within the battlemented, loopholed walls that surround the city, are several churches dating from the early Spanish times, or not less than three hundred and fifty years old. Of them all, perhaps, the church of Santo Domingo is the most interesting, if not the very oldest, for it was founded in 1509, and both outside and in, is quaint and fascinating in its architecture. Should any reader of this article ever visit it, I beg him to

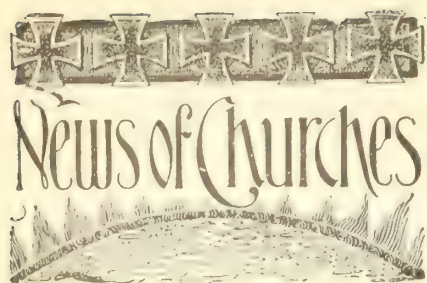
one structure alone that would repay a pilgrimage, as to a sacred shrine of early American days, and that is the noble cathedral, the first stones of which were laid in 1512. It has been shaken by earthquakes, and bombarded by pirates and buccaneers (a cannon ball from Sir Francis Drake's ship being still embedded in its roof); but its massive walls still stand intact. Arrayed on either side the vast nave are a dozen chapels more than three centuries old and containing relics which are objects of many reverent pilgrimages. The cathedral is also famous as being the avowed receptacle of the ashes of Columbus, which were brought here about 1540 and placed beneath the pavement of the presbytery, near the high altar. The Spaniards also claim that they have the restos, or remains, of Columbus

half, in very truth, has not been told.

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CASKET
Containing Bones of Christopher Columbus.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Men's Club gave a "smoker" to our representative from Australia, which was well attended. The club continued its meetings throughout the summer.

The attendance at our church services has been quite encouraging during August.

The Sunday-school resumes its sessions the first Sunday in September.

The Girls' Friendly Society, the Ladies' Missionary Society, and the Penny-a-Day Society resumed their meetings this week.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

The W. C. T. U. held a basket picnic at Goodwin Park on September 8.

Rev. and Mrs. Macy are enjoying an outing at Nantucket.

Rev. Mr. Walker, who recently purchased a house in Newington, is supplying the pulpit during our pastor's vacation.

The Sunday-school contributions for the past three months have been sent to Mrs. Anna Richardson of Georgia.

The three coming months offerings will be taken for the orphanage at Van, Turkey. A letter has recently been received from Mrs. Dr. Ussher, who is stationed at Van.

On September 25, will occur our annual Rally Day in the Sunday-school. Rev. Mr. Walker will address the school and the orchestra will give extra music.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

All services were omitted during August, but on September 4 the church was reopened, Dr. Stone occupying the pulpit. At the evening service of the Lord's Supper, two new members were received. No Sunday-school was held, as the room was undergoing repairs.

Sunday morning, September 11, Mr. Thomson, our Baptist missionary from Kobe, Japan, gave an interesting address and in the evening the Christian Endeavor Society had the privilege of listening to Mrs. Thomson, who is equally interesting.

Delegates to the meetings of the Baptist Association, held in Tariffville, were appointed, and a goodly number expect to attend.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The Sunday school held its annual picnic at White Oak Grove last month. About forty participated and reported a very enjoyable time.

The Rev. J. M. Yard is visiting at his home in New Jersey.

A gas range has been put in recently, which will be greatly appreciated by the ladies of the church.

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

The regular monthly meeting of the officers and vestry was held on Wednesday evening, September 7.

The Sunday-school picnic was held at White Oak, August 26.

The Rev. A. P. Grint, of New London, preached on Sunday, September 11.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our pastor has returned from his vacation.

Our Sunday-school will hold its Rally Day exercises on the last Sunday of September.

On October 1, the church will resume its regular Sunday evening services.

It is earnestly hoped, that as the winter comes on, the interest in our various societies will increase.

Steps are being taken to re-carpet the church.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

Our services opened, after two months' vacation, with a good attendance.

The report of the Home Department showed an increase in membership.

Mr. Elmore Watkins, of Manchester, sang for us September 11, and Rev. Lester L. Potter preached.

Rev. Samuel Forbes preached our opening sermon September 4.

Mr. Ernest Dexter, who has been secretary for the past year, has resigned, and Mr. Herbert Myers has been appointed.

Mr. Chaffee, one of the members of our Sunday school celebrated his eighty-first birthday September 10. A number of friends from the Mission spent a very pleasant evening with him and his wife at their home on Broad street.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church has appointed as delegates to the Baptist Association, Mr. and Mrs. Connell, Miss Eccleston and Mr. Stillson.

The ladies have added a gas range to the kitchen, thus making a needed improvement and help for the workers.

Our evening conference meetings are well sustained.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We have much to be thankful for, as a church, in the recovery of Mr. W. J. Pierce from his dangerous illness. Though not strong, he has recovered sufficiently to be able to attend the services, and we hope his strength will increase.

During our pastor's absence, August 28, while attending the camp-meeting at Fair Haven, Vt., his father supplied for him, as usual.

At the Plainville camp-meeting, held the first week in September, one day was given to Sunday-school and Loyal Workers' joint convention services. Our Loyal Workers' Society sent as delegates Mrs. H. W. Fuller and Miss Kinsman, and the Sunday-school sent Miss Hill.

Rev. Thos. Feltman, whose field of labor is in the Catskills, is expected to be with us October 16.

Sunday morning, September 11, after the sermon, an apparent stranger requested the privilege of saying a few words, and happily interested the congregation by making himself known as one who many years ago had preached for the church here. A very few of the older members remembered him. He was Rev. T. B. Morgan, now of California.

The quarterly roll-call and consecration meeting of the Loyal Workers' Society will be held Sunday evening, October 2, at 6.30 p. m. We would like to see a full attendance.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

August 25, six delegates were appointed to attend the meetings of the Hartford Baptist Association, which met at Tariffville, September 13-14.

The pastor returned September 1, and led the prayer-meeting in the evening.

Our delegate, Miss L. E. Brokaw, will have charge of the missionary meeting September 25, most of which will be devoted to a report from the conference.

All of the regular meetings of the church have been resumed.

The Y. P. S. C. E. voted to close the regular meetings early for several

weeks and hold a short song service in the front vestibule of the church, just before the evening service.

Beginning Sunday, September 18, our pastor will preach a series of sermons. At the morning services the subject will be "Our Bible." In the evening services the general subject will be, "Weaponless Warfare," under the following topics: 1, Advancing to Defeat; Retreating to Victory. 2, The Siege and Fall of a Walled City. 3, An Army with Trumpets, Pitchers and Candles. 4, Escaping from Prison.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

Rev. Burdette B. Brown returned on September 3, after a month's vacation, divided between the mountains and the shore.

During the month of August the pulpit was acceptably supplied for the morning service. The evening meeting was conducted by the Epworth League and a good interest maintained.

Rally Day will be held in the Sunday-school the last Sunday in September.

A Hartford Group Epworth League meeting is announced to be held in the church on Wednesday, October 19.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Miss Cora Smith, formerly our pastor's assistant, but now of Brooklyn, N. Y., was greeted by her many friends with great pleasure when she visited the church at a recent Sunday morning service.

A number of our young women attended the Young Women's Conference held at Northfield this summer. We intend to hold a "Northfield meeting" soon, when reminiscences of the trip may be heard.

Our Sunday-school has resumed its regular class system after the one-class plan of the summer holiday. It is believed that we did an unusual thing in enrolling two new members in July.

The September teachers' meeting was held Friday evening, September 16, and was in the form of a tea. An enjoyable and profitable evening was passed.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Services were resumed in the church, Sunday-school and Young People's Christian Union on Sunday, September 4, with a good attendance.

Communion service was observed Sunday, September 11, having been

postponed from the previous Sunday.

The next annual convention of the National Young People's Christian Union is to be held in this city, in July, 1905.

The members of this church and union extended an invitation at the convention in Providence this year and the National Executive Board decided to accept.

This is Hartford's second attempt to get the convention and it is planned to make this, one long to be remembered.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The Sunday evening services, which were discontinued during the summer, have been resumed. Mr. Potter preached for us at the opening meeting on September 11.

Our kindergarten will reopen for the fall term on September 14. Miss Amy L. Gardiner will continue as teacher, also Miss Julia Roeske, as pianist.

The cooking classes are being organized and will soon be ready for work, under the care of Miss Ann M. Sweet, who has been our teacher in this department during the past two seasons.

The sewing school will open about the first of November.

Our weekly teachers' meetings will begin the first Tuesday of October.

Rally Day will be observed the second Sunday of October.

The new work which has been done during the past month in connection with the gymnasium, has resulted in two very serviceable rooms, one for lockers and the other for shower baths. Thirty new lockers are ready for use, Indian clubs have been ordered to complete the outfit of the gymnasium apparatus, and our boys are anxious for the opening of the season which, however, will probably be put off until early in October.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, has returned home after a month's vacation in Vermont, and all the regular services have been resumed.

Sunday evening, September 11, we had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Robert Thomson, a missionary from Kobe, Japan. He gave a very interesting talk on the country and its people.

On August 29, Miss Mabel Jameson and Mr. Frank Purinton were united in marriage by our pastor, at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Purinton have the best wishes of their many friends.

Sunday, September 25, will be a Rally Day for our Bible school. We are looking for a larger attendance on that day than we have ever had before.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The rector and Mrs. Linsley have returned from their vacation at Blandford, Mass.

The rector conducted services September 4, for the first time since his vacation.

The quartet and chorus are again united in rendering the musical part of the services.

The Sunday-school resumed its sessions again on Sunday morning, September 11. The attendance was very good. There is a need of two more teachers in the school. The work is an important one and it is hoped there will be a quick response to the call for more teachers.

A beautiful processional cross has been given as a memorial by Mrs. M. Robinson. It was used for the first time on Sunday, September 11.

NORTH METHODIST.

Rev. D. W. Howell has returned from his vacation and is again occupying the pulpit.

The ladies of the church are planning a Fall Festival for the latter part of October. It will last for two days and there will be a sale of fancy and useful articles, flowers, etc. Dinner and supper will be served each day.

Miss Elizabeth Cleasby has left for Willimantic where she has accepted a position as teacher in the Normal School.

Miss Florence L. Readett has been acting as organist during the absence of Miss Elsie Dresser, for the summer.

The members of the C. E. Society have recently placed upon the walls of the Sunday-school room an enlarged photograph of their representative in India, Rev. Lakshiman Dana.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

The ladies of the church are at work on fancy articles for the annual sale at the church, September 21 and 22. A harvest supper will be served Wednesday evening and an entertainment given Thursday evening by the young people.

A special program is being prepared for Rally Sunday, September 25.

The Epworth League observed Rally Day Sunday evening, September 11. The room was prettily decorated

with ferns, golden-rod and potted plants. After special services, the pastor gave an interesting talk on "The Ideal League."

Three new members were taken into the church on probation, Sunday, September 11.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor spent a week at Northfield during the General Conference. After his return he went with his family to Southwest Harbor for three weeks.

After September 11, two services will be held in the parish house on each Sunday evening.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Endeavor Society held a business meeting last Wednesday and a large number were in attendance.

Rally Sunday will be observed one week from the coming Sabbath and all branches of the school, it is hoped, will be in attendance.

The Endeavor Society has changed its hour of meeting to 7 p. m. Show your interest by attending.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed last Sunday.

FIRST METHODIST.

Rally Sunday will be observed Sunday, September 25.

Elder W. A. Richard will preach Sunday evening, September 18, the quarterly conference to follow at the close of the service.

The regular services for Sunday evening are now in their regular order, Epworth League at 6.30, preaching at 7.30.

Mrs. M. E. Keyes, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, has returned from her European trip. She reports a most enjoyable time.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual Sunday-school Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 25.

During August and on the first Sunday of September, the choir being absent on vacations, Col. Chas. A. Jewell acted as precentor, leading the congregational singing.

During the summer the pastor occupied the pulpit every Sunday but one. On July 31, he preached at the chapel in Watch Hill, and Rev. T. Calvin McClelland of Newport led our service in his absence.

Since the safe, recently placed in the pastor's study for keeping of church

records, was installed, another has been purchased for the church, in which to keep the communion service.

Doorways have recently been cut through on either side of the pulpit, affording exits for use in case of emergency, as well as better facilities for ventilation.

On Sunday, September 18, the pastor will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Wm. F. Stearns of Norfolk.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The pastor of the church has returned and taken up his duties again after a seven weeks' vacation, spent mostly in Illinois and at St. Louis, Mo.

The Sunday-school and young people's society have resumed their services again, after a vacation during the month of August.

Most of the church members have returned to the city and the work of the fall has begun with much vigor. The various societies have begun their regular meetings and we look forward to a year of great blessing and helpfulness in our church life.

The young people's society will give a penny social in the parlors of the church, Friday evening, September 16.

The annual Rally Day services in the Sunday-school will be held the last Sunday in September. A special order of service will be used, entitled, "Victory!"

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Parker, and his wife returned from their trip abroad the last of August and report a splendid time. We are all glad to see them back.

The morning services were resumed on September 4, Dr. Parker occupying the pulpit.

There was a preliminary meeting of the Sunday-school on Sunday, September 11.

The other church services have not yet been resumed, but will be at an early date.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Entered into rest, Thursday, September 8, Rev. George Russell Warner.

The funeral service was held in the church, Monday, September 12. The full burial service was used, being very impressive. The service was conducted by our present rector, Rev. Henry Macbeth, assisted by Rev. Francis Goodwin and Rev. Samuel Hart. Many clergymen of the diocese were present. Delegates from the various

lodges and organizations of which Mr. Warner was a member, were present, and the Masonic Quartet rendered appropriate music.

Mr. Warner was, until recently, rector of St. Thomas' for fourteen years, and was obliged to resign on account of ill health. His administrations were remarkably successful. He found the parish in an unfortunate condition, worshipping in a building outside of the church edifice, and soon after made arrangements to hold service in the church.

He was greatly loved by his parishioners and a large circle of friends, and was highly esteemed by the people of this section of the city, where his influence was for the best interests of the people.

The Sunday-school will resume its sessions September 18, at the usual hour, 12.15.

Evening prayer will be resumed September 18, at the usual hour, 7.30.

It is expected that the Young People's Club will soon begin active work.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Mr. Kelsey returned from his vacation and preached September 4. He will be assisted this year by Mr. E. C. Knapp, who comes from Three Oaks, Michigan, to the Seminary. Mr. Knapp has for two years been engaged in state Sunday-school work in Michigan, and has recently returned from the World's Sunday-school Convention in Jerusalem. Mr. Knapp will have special charge of the Sunday-school and young people's work.

Mr. Ralph L. Baldwin, instructor of music in Hartford High and some of the grammar schools, succeeds Prof. H. D. Sleeper as organist and choir-master. He will increase the chorus to the limit of membership (60 voices), and this choir, without outside assistance, will give in October a harvest cantata. At Christmas the oratorio of the "Messiah" will be given and on Good Friday suitable Passion music. After Easter they expect to give the "Elijah." This work will be in addition to regular Sunday anthems and a monthly musical service.

Rally Day will be observed October 12, when Mr. Knapp will be present.

September 25 will be observed as Bible Sunday, in accord with the suggestion of the Religious Education Association.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The church continued to hold ser-

vices all through the summer months, not closing for the month of August as heretofore. Our attendance was remarkably good and we consider it was a grand success.

The first of September, fourteen new members joined our church. The evening service, September 4, was quite largely devoted to music. The singing by the choir and duets were unusually fine and much appreciated.

The Christian Endeavor service was united with the usual evening service through August, a responsive exercise being used that we all enjoyed.

The Sunday-school attendance has held good through the hot weather.

September 15, our pastor, Rev. C. Telford Erickson, was installed. The installation took place in the church in the evening, and an elaborate program was rendered.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The rector, Rev. E. de F. Miel, and family have returned from a six weeks' vacation in the Maine woods.

Upon the rector's return, his assistant, Rev. Mr. Todd, left on his vacation.

Our former curate, Rev. H. K. B. Ogle, now of Philadelphia, was a recent visitor in town, being entertained by Mr. John B. Knox, of Collins street.

Sunday-school reopens September 18, when two sessions will be inaugurated, one at 9.30 a. m., which will be a regular graded course, and the other at 2.30 p. m., which will follow the last year's methods. Rev. Mr. Todd will superintend in the morning session and Rev. Mr. Miel will take charge in the afternoon, while the general superintendent of both sessions will be Mr. Henry E. Rees.

MISSIONS IN JAPAN.

Of the 600 missionaries in Japan, nearly 500 of them are Americans, showing how American Christians are appreciating their opportunities, and how America is influencing that people.

The Japanese government has appointed twelve Christian chaplains, six natives, and six foreigners, all of whom have gone to the front.

Japan stands for religious freedom. There are Christian churches in every large city, almost in every town. These churches send out missionaries from one end of the country to the other.

There are Christian newspapers and magazines. Three of the Tokyo dailies are largely in Christian hands; several others have Christian editors.

There are also Christian schools. From 2,500 to 3,000 leave the Christian schools every year, after an average course of four years.

Large numbers profess to be Christians from all ranks and classes. There are now about 120,000 enrolled Christians. One-third are Protestants, the rest are divided between the Greek and Roman churches.

In the House of Commons the president is a Christian, also one of the cabinet. Three per cent. of the army officers are Christians, and the commanders of several warships. Two judges of the Supreme Court are also Christians.

Christianity stands on the same footing as the old faiths of the country. Yet not long since the Christian missionaries life was in great peril as he pursued his arduous work in Japan.

"Recent events in the history of Japan, and the situation of the immediate present, accentuate strongly the importance of work in this country," says the Baptist Missionary Magazine. "Unless the fortunes of war shall prove finally adverse to a degree apparently improbable, the commanding influence of Japan upon the future development of other countries of the East is a certainty. The situation is one appealing strongly to the spirit of prayer, and to missionary effort."

The influence of the Young Men's Christian Association in Japan is exerted in various government institutions where no other religious influence exists. Great good is accomplished by American Christian teachers in these institutions as teachers of English.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

WHAT WHISKY IS.

No Longer a Malt Product, but a Mysterious Concoction of Poisons.

Originally made from malted grain, whisky is now, it appears, quite a different product, containing all sorts of secondary products whose effects on the human economy have not as yet been thoroughly investigated. The Medical Record in an article on this subject says:

"Both the drug habit and the drink habit loom large in the public eye at the present time. Efforts are constantly being put forth to check these practices. Spirit drinking may be said to be the bane of the so called Anglo-Saxon race, for, after all, the drug habit is not nearly so widespread, either in this country or in Great Britain, as in certain parts of the European continent.

"Of all the beverages with which the inhabitants of the United States and

of Great Britain stupefy their brains and dull their intellects whisky appears to be the one most in favor. Its consumption, especially in England and Scotland, has increased enormously within recent years. In fact, so disastrous have been the results of the whisky habit on the other side that special inquiries have been instituted to investigate the matter exhaustively. The British Medical Journal has a special article which gives the outcome of investigations into the modes of manufacturing whisky in England and Scotland. These were the conclusions come to: It appears, first, when whisky began to come into extensive use it was made from malted barley and that such reputation as it possesses for relative wholesomeness was founded on the malt whisky; second, we now learn that this type has been replaced by two-thirds of the total consumption by a spirit made from different materials by a different process and that the by-products it contains are, as might have been anticipated, different; third, it appears that knowledge of the chemical nature of these byproducts, though it has increased in recent years, is still very imperfect and that practically nothing is known as to their physiological action, and, lastly, that nevertheless this new spirit is sold as whisky both at home and in the colonies and is used for blending with malt whisky, the blend being in some instances so labeled as to give the purchaser the impression that it is malt whisky."

HYPNOTIZING DRUNKARDS.

Suggestion and Auto Suggestion Declared Cure For Drink Habit.

Through hypnotism dipsomania may be cured absolutely, declared Professor J. D. Quackenbosh in a recent lecture at the Bowery mission, in New York city. He told of hypnotic suggestion and auto suggestion and explained that no more successful process of reforming a drunkard could be imagined than that procured through hypnotism.

"The patient freely expresses his best self post hypnotically," said Professor Quackenbosh. "He does right because he is disinclined to do wrong. Thus is established a perfect agreement between the law of right and the intelligent creature.

"The drink habit is amenable to treatment by suggestion. Regular drinkers can be dealt with whenever they can be induced to become sober. Regular recurring debauches have periods of varying lengths. In 75 per cent of the cases a relationship exists between the abuse of tobacco and the oncoming of the irresistible thirst, the depressing effects of the nicotine inhaled in the form of smoke instinctively suggesting recourse to the antidote—which is alcohol.

"The society of low companions is tabooed. The pleasures associated with drink and the glamour of the bar-room are pictured as meretricious and placed in vivid antithesis to the chaste delights of home life."

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TAKING UP THE REINS.

Not very long since we observed in one of the local papers an editorial comment on the lesson for this country which is suggested by the results of the Russo-Japanese war. The article ventured to answer a question which must have arisen in the mind of every one who had been at all conversant with the relative strength of the two countries, and who has followed the occurrences of the last few months with any interest: that is, Why do the Japanese seem to come off victoriously on so many occasions? The answer given was, Preparation.

If the writer had stopped with this generalization, and had not proceeded to indicate what kind of preparation it was which he conceived to lie at the root of Japanese success, his analysis might then have been regarded as looking in the right direction. But

when it appears that the preparation which he glorifies is largely mechanical: recruiting soldiers, teaching military tactics, building warships—in short the external matters which every country is supposed to undertake in the face of threatened war—it is found that that answer is not accepted by intelligent Japanese as reaching to the root of the matter. For whether wrongly or rightly—and in all probability it is with great sagacity—the Japanese themselves are inclined to ascribe much effectiveness to the intense patriotism of the people of Japan. In so far, they feel, as the building up and nourishing of that attitude of mind in the individual constitutes preparation, so far can there be no dispute with the conclusions of the article in question. But any statement, which attempts to make secondary causes do duty for primary causes, cannot hope to receive the sympathy and support of thoughtful Japanese who are students of the conditions of their own land.

Ever since the day when the Master said to his disciples, "He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one," it has been manifest that the highway which lay before the Christian church is one of ceaseless warfare. But it has been likewise obvious, ever since certain other things were said by the same one, such as, "The kingdom of God is not taken by force," and "Put up again thy sword into its place; for all they that take the sword shall perish by the sword," that the weapons which are to prove effective are not visible to the eye. However, as members of the Christian church, and as firm believers in its progressiveness, we believe in laying by stores of weapons and in training soldiers to the use of them. But we want to be perfectly sure, not only that a man can be found to take a weapon in his hand, and not only that he knows how to use it, but also that when the time comes he will be inclined to use it as it should be used. That is the kind of preparation that we seek above all others in the face of the work that lies ahead.

The immediate problem which is suggested by the disconsolate "Oh, dear!" of the child, who regretfully sees Sunday-school looming up again before him, after the recess of the summer, may be met for the moment by the stern "You must!" of the parent, who can see possibilities for profit even in enterprises which are not devoid of a disagreeable element in the experience of the child. But for the teacher, who contemplates the renewal of responsibilities which are voluntarily undertaken, and who feels that oftentimes the noblest work is

one which involves a certain amount of drudgery, the above solution cannot answer.

We look then, as we behold renewed obligations,—not all of them pure and unalloyed pleasure,—for a reinvigoration of that Christian patriotism which has fought courageously and successfully in times past, and which in every church is the leaven that leavens the whole lump.

REV. GEORGE R. WARNER.

The death occurred this month of a clergyman loved and esteemed by many Hartford people. Rev. Mr. Warner spent many years here in up-building St. Thomas' church and parish and his work in that field stands today and will stand his greatest monument. He was born in Ellington, March 22, 1838, and died in Southington, September 8, 1904.

His life work included several years of teaching in grammar and high schools. In 1862, he enlisted in the 25th C. V., serving the full time of the regiment. For some time he was an instructor at Tougaloo University, Mississippi. In 1875, he was ordained as a Congregational minister. Later he entered the Protestant Episcopal church, and in 1880, was ordained deacon. In October, 1881, he was called to St. Peter's parish, in Monroe, and there ordained priest in 1882. After nearly three years' service in Monroe, he was called to the charge of St. Alban's church in Danielson, and after five years in that place was called to St. Thomas' church in this city, where he continued in service until about three years ago when he went to St. Paul's church in Southington.

His ministrations were remarkably successful in 'St. Thomas'. He found the parish in an unfortunate condition, worshipping in a temporary building outside its church, and shortly made arrangements for it to again occupy its own edifice. He was greatly beloved by his parishioners and held a large place in the esteem of the community of the north end of the city where his influence was for the promotion of the best interests of the people of that section.

A PARADOX.

It is a curious fact that, while among the Jews of this day, as well as of former generations, there is discoverable a tenacity of religious principles which is rarely found among any people,—yet, when one of their number does abjure his religion for infidelity, there can scarcely be found in all the world a more uninfluencable

and unpersuadable creature. This is not a statement which is based upon one illustration alone, but upon observation of many instances in which it has proven to be the case. It constitutes a problem for psychologists to determine, whether there be any inherent relation between the capacity for deep fidelity and that for complete infidelity.

"The Church Economist," one of our most valued exchanges, has in its September number, under the general head, "Current Church Practice," the following interesting information regarding the Teachers' Club at the Asylum Hill Congregational church:

"An interesting feature of parish life in the Asylum Hill Congregational church, of Hartford, Conn., is the Teachers' Club. This club is just completing a decade of well-sustained prosperity. It originated in a conference of officers and teachers in the Sunday-school, held June 20, 1894, to consider ways of promoting the welfare of the school. At that time a committee was appointed to report a plan of organization, and in October this committee submitted a plan which was adopted and the Teachers' Club formally organized. One of the moving spirits at the start was Prof. Waldo S. Pratt, of Hartford Theological Seminary, and he has been kept at the front, by the wishes of the club, having served as president from the beginning. Rev. Dr. Jos. H. Twitchell, the pastor of the church, is a member of the Executive Committee, and always an interested and zealous member.

"The main object of the club is to promote 'esprit de corps' among the teachers, and increase their efficiency by a series of meetings each year. Any officer, teacher or substitute in the Sunday-school, in active service or retired, is eligible to membership. An annual due of \$1 is collected to cover incidental expenses.

"The meetings are at least six in number, sometimes nine or ten, held between October 1st and July 1st. They generally include an informal tea at 6 o'clock, with a discussion, talk or lecture following, the hour of adjournment being 7.45 p. m. Members may invite guests, paying 30 cents for the added expense involved. For three years the club has arranged a series of six lectures on Biblical questions for which a fee of \$1 is charged outsiders for the course. The membership of the club has always exceeded forty, and the average attendance at the meetings has been thirty."

A coming event of importance is the State C. E. Convention, which is to be held at Park Congregational church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 7, 8 and 9.

Some splendid speakers have been secured for these meetings and a program of unusual interest and excellence has been prepared.

A copy of the program can be se-

cured by addressing the Secretary of the Hartford Union, Miss Grace D. Thayer, 795 Asylum avenue, Hartford.

The Thirteenth International Peace Congress will meet in Boston the first week in October and it will attract many notable people. One of the leading speakers announced is Hon. Andrew D. White, who discusses the theme, "Work and Influence of the Hague Tribunal." In view of the fact that the sponsor for the Hague Tribunal is now deeply involved in a disastrous war, which might have been averted by reference to this Tribunal, an interesting session is to be expected.

Welcome home! to all our pastors, superintendents, teachers, congregations. May we all enter with zeal upon a religious campaign which will make the political one look insignificant.

The Russians do well to pray, but what is more needed is the humble and contrite heart. The Russians, or at least their rulers, have yet to learn, it seems, that righteousness is not to be separated from true religion. A nation whose rulers are corrupt, must inevitably suffer. Out of this fire through which the Russians are passing, though our sympathies are but little with them, let us hope that a purer national life will come, and a truer religion.

Isn't it almost time our police got active again against many of Hartford's disreputable resorts? Some of them seem to flourish still. How about that last shake-up at police headquarters? Was the last chief too active?



THE SHELTER.

The work of the "Shelter" has progressed as usual during the summer and many women have received timely help. The matrons, who have each enjoyed needed rest, are again at their posts and are looking forward to a successful year. Miss Sarah Stone, who has assisted at the home during the summer, has accepted a position at one of the schools at Windsor. Friends have kindly remembered us

with gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables, and we are especially grateful to the Wethersfield Flower Mission for flowers supplied during the season, which have been distributed by the matrons among the sick and at the hospital and jail.

The Sunday afternoon service has been well sustained and of continued interest and helpfulness. Among those who have assisted we are especially indebted to Miss White, who has been attending the missionary training school at Nyack, N. Y., and who has conducted several of our meetings. Last Sunday, six persons were present from the blind institution and took part in the service, Miss Martin and Miss Hinman singing sweet gospel hymns.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

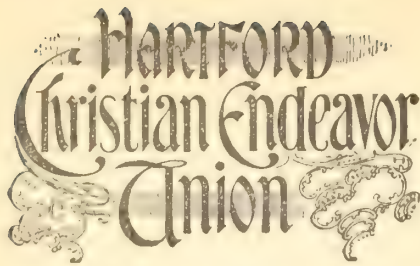
The state convention will be held in this city October 25, 26 and 27. The meetings will be in the Fourth Congregational church. A large number of delegates from the unions in the state are expected to be present. The meetings are open to all and all friends are cordially invited. Further particulars will be given in the daily papers.

Several new members have joined the Sunshine Society this month, a fact that gives promise of the widening of its scope of work and influence.

The Connecticut division of the International Society will hold its annual state day at Jewell Hall in Hartford, on September 28. Delegates are expected from various parts of the state and the meetings, both business and social, promise to be of great interest. Mrs. C. W. Alden, the president-general, will give an address.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore recently celebrated her eighty-second birthday. She is the honorary president of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association and in the record of her long life are splendid pages of achievements on many lines for the helping of humanity. It is a benediction upon the twentieth century that so many of the great women who made the chief glory of the nineteenth century are being carried over into it, still with active interest in the world of battle and of work, but with the calm serenity of those whose outlook reaches into the life to come. — Ex.

"Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are the creatures of men." — Disraeli.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The directors of the Union will hold a meeting next Tuesday evening, September 20, in the Y. M. C. A. parlors.

Our strongest efforts are now being put forth to make a thorough success of the State C. E. Convention, and it is hoped that every member of the Hartford Union will make this an object for personal work. Write to all of your out-of-town Endeavor friends, and urge them to come.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Endeavorers:

I must again bring to your attention the matter of the State Christian Endeavor Convention, which is to be held in the Park Congregational church, October 7, 8 and 9.

The committee has been very fortunate in securing excellent speakers for the different addresses. Among them are such men as Don O. Shelton, who will speak on Mission Work for Young People; William Shaw, Treasurer of the United Societies; E. C. Osborne, President Vermont State Union; Rev. Allen E. Cross, of Boston; G. F. Kungott, on Junior Work; H. H. Spooner, and others. We are assured a feast of good things with which we may equip ourselves for good work in the months coming.

Let every one determine that this convention shall be a success. It is in your power to make it so, and it will be, if you attend the meetings.

We have heard from some of our societies by contributions toward the expense fund. We want more, and invite those societies that have taken no step in this matter, to do so, and make report to Miss Grace D. Thayer, Treasurer of the Hartford Union, by October 1.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning Sept. 18.

Topic.—How the world is growing better.—Ps. xxxvii, 1-13; Eccl. vii, 10.

Is the world growing better? It is a sad fact that some men would answer this question in the negative.

They are not capable of taking a broad view of life or have not sufficient knowledge to compare their age with past ages, and hence unwisely conclude that the former days are better than these. Every age has its evil as well as its good, and yet when we compare the ages and take a broad and comprehensive view of life we cannot but conclude that the world is growing better. Much of the glamour of antiquity is acknowledged to be false. "The days of good Queen Bess" were anything but halcyon; the merrie England of old time was full of disorder, distress and discomfort. In yearning again for the fleshpots of Egypt the Israelites forgot the bondage and misery which were the accompaniments of those sensual pleasures.

But if the world is growing better how is it growing better?

1. The world is growing better by the overthrow of evil. To those who want to see improvement in the world evil doers and their deeds have always been a source of perplexity. But God declares that we should not "fret ourselves because of evil doers, * * * for they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb." This is true of evil as well as of evil doers. Compare the ages as to evil and we will see that it is being overcome. Intemperance today is not what it was fifty years ago. Up to a hundred years ago dueling was widely practiced in our land. Fifty years ago there were over 3,000,000 human slaves in America. More and more wickedness is being ostracized and pushed to the wall. Wickedness and crime still exist, for the millennium has not yet arrived, but while evil exists it does not have the power and place that it had in the ages of the past.

2. The world is growing better by the advance of the good. Evil is being overthrown, while the good is conquering. Christ's kingdom is constantly advancing, and as it advances all that goes to make the world better and happier is vastly increased. Christian character was never so high as today; philanthropy was never so widespread; the successful world never before took such care of the unfortunate and unsuccessful. "God is marching on," and as He marches evil decreases and good increases, thereby making the world better every day than the day before.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. iii, 15; xxi, 9-18; Ps. lxxii, 8-17; cxxxv, 1-21; Isa. xxxv, 1-10; xlii, 1-16; lli, 1-10; Matt. xiii, 81-83; Rev. xxi, 1-4.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning Sept. 25.

Topic.—Cheering facts about missions from Japan and Korea.—Zech. xiv, 3-9, 20.

The prophecy of Zechariah, used as the topical reference, predicts the worldwide spread of the kingdom of God: "And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them toward the former [eastern] sea and half of them toward the hinder [western] sea, * * * and the

Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day shall there be one Lord and His name one." This prophecy is rapidly being fulfilled. Christ's kingdom has extended to the west until all of what may be called the western part of the world has heard of Him and has largely acknowledged His kingship. The west having been won for Christ, the cross is now being carried to the east. The oriental countries—India, China, Japan, Korea, Burma and Siam—are being told of the world's Saviour, and many are responding to His claims upon them.

Nowhere in the east is the gospel advancing more satisfactorily than in Japan and Korea. The news from these fields has always been cheering, but never more so than today. In Japan there are a number of signs of the increasing power and influence of Christianity and Christian civilization. (1) The success of Japan in the war with China is an evidence of the advance in Japan as a result of its contact with occidental civilization; (2) the Anglo-Japanese alliance of a year ago is significant, since it is the first alliance between an oriental and non-Christian nation with a European and Christian nation; (3) the influences of the great revival of two years ago are still being felt; it has extended to Formosa, which now belongs to Japan, and hundreds there have been led to Christ.

In Korea the effect of the war between Japan and Russia is not, of course, very favorable to the advance of Christ's kingdom, and yet there is no movement backward. Koreans have always been kindly disposed toward the gospel, and their interest is by no means on the wane, even in these days of battles and rumors of battles. Additions to the church on confession of faith, while not so large as in recent years, are yet considerable. The number of catechumens, however, has been largely increased, which is a most favorable sign. New schools are being established all over the country, and large numbers of people are receiving instruction in special Bible classes. New chapels are constantly being built by native Christians, and thus Korea is being won for Christ.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. xxxv, 1-10; lli, 7; Nah. i, 15; Ps. lxxii, 1-20; Mal. iv, 1-3; Matt. xiii, 31-33; xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 1-12; Rom. x, 14, 15; Rev. xxii, 17.

Missouri State Convention.

The Missouri state gathering is to be held in St. Louis June 23 to 27. So many visiting Endeavorers will be at the world's fair at this time that the convention is expected to assume the proportions of an international one.

The Ohio State Union.

The Ohio state union now numbers 8,300 societies, with a membership of over 150,000. It is a bond of fellowship among nearly thirty denominations in the state. Last year Ohio organized 335 new societies.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning Oct. 2.

Topic.—How we are in training to succeed others.—Deut. xxxiv, 7-12; Josh. i, 1, 2.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

The worker may fall, but God's work goes on. God always has men in training to succeed the workers in His vineyard. A man of great worth and value dies and men exclaim, "Who can take his place?" But in a very brief space of time the gap is filled and the work goes on. The man was never born whose place could not be filled. Not that God calls one man to do another's work, but to carry forward His work. Joshua succeeded Moses, but he was not a second Moses, but himself. With the reaching of the promised land the work of the deliverer, the lawgiver, the organizer of church and state was over. He therefore is called to his heavenly reward, and Joshua, the general, replaces him, because the conquest of Canaan is now the duty of the hour.

God, knowing that this hour of transfer of place and power would come, had Joshua in training for it even before Moses died. "Joshua, the son of Nun, was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him, and the children of Israel hearkened unto him." Thus Joshua was designated the successor of Moses and was in training for the time when the clock should strike the hour, and when it did strike he was ready. God must at all times keep training workers. It is wonderful how soon one must give up to another, and the work would suffer greatly if the newcomer were untrained. Moses was trained in Egypt and Midian for his great labors. David was designated as the successor of Saul long before the succession took place. Elisha was trained to carry on the work begun by Elijah. John the Baptist was the great worker for a time, but Christ and His disciples carried on the work after him.

Great preachers, great leaders, great workers, fall by the wayside, but somewhere, perhaps in an unknown, obscure place, God has one ready to take up and carry on the work. In fact, all young people, and especially Christian Endeavorers, should feel that they are in training to carry forward the work of God in larger spheres as the successors of those who now hold the important places. The future officers, leaders and workers in our churches will be the young people of today, and in what way could they be better trained than by pledging themselves to God in such an organization as the Christian Endeavor society? Our society is a training school. It is not an end in itself, but a means to an end, and that end is to prepare Christ's young people for the future work of the church. The business and professional worlds today want trained men, skilled workmen, and young men and young women spend time and money that they may prepare themselves for work. Shall Christian young people do less, especially when they have a train-

ing school at hand where no tuition is charged and there is practically no expense? When trained, God called Joshua to service. God wants picked workers today. Let us prepare ourselves and be ready when He calls us to any mission whatsoever to do His will.

BIBLE READINGS.

I Sam. i, 24-28; iii, 1; xvi, 4-13; I Kings xix, 16; Prov. xli, 6; Eccl. xii, 1; I Cor. x, 31; xv, 28; II Tim. iii, 14-17.

An Enthusiastic Endeavorer.

One of the sprightliest speakers at the recent New York state convention at Buffalo was Fanny J. Crosby, "the blind hymn writer." Four addresses in one day, one of them before an audience of 3,000, is an unusual record for a lady eighty-four years old and blind from earliest infancy. Fanny Crosby, though belonging to the Methodist church, is enthusiastic in her support of Christian Endeavor and a firm believer in Christian Endeavor principles.



FANNY J. CROSBY.

Endeavor in Korea.

P. L. Gillett, Y. M. C. A. secretary for Korea, located at Seoul, writes of the interest in the Christian Endeavor society which he started there some months ago. He says: "Our society among the foreign children of the community is active and prosperous. The members are conducting a Sunday school every Sunday with an enrollment of about eighteen Korean boys and girls. They have also distributed some 4,000 tracts within the last few months. Our meetings are bright and interesting, because each member helps to make them so."

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning Oct. 9.

Topic.—Helping one another.—Rom. xv, 1-7. (An honorary members' meeting.)

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

The honorary members of the Christian Endeavor society are not unlike the soldiers who have laid aside the duties of war and have surrendered their places to younger men, yet their interest in the organization and its work does not cease, and with what joy they meet with former comrades and talk over the old days and past experiences! But their interest should not end here. They should keep up an interest in the young and give them whenever possible the advantage of their sympathy and previous experience, and in their turn the young soldiers should keep up an interest in them and whenever possible help them and sympathize with them. Age and youth should always co-operate. This is especially true in Endeavor work. "Once

an Endeavorer, always an Endeavorer," has ever been Mr. Baer's interpretation of Christian Endeavor membership. On this occasion, therefore, may a beautiful spirit of sympathy, co-operation and helpfulness be manifested in every Endeavor society throughout the world.

"Helping one another" is one of the cardinal virtues of Christianity. Nor can a true Christian disposition be better manifested than by a sincere, practical interest in the needs of others.

1. Helping one another is a Christian duty. "We, then, that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of others and not to please ourselves." "Ought" is a strong word. It leaves no room for the consultation of personal inclination or desire; it expresses a duty, and it is the duty of Christians to help one another. "Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ" is the apostle's command to the Galatians. And how little helps sometimes, though we may not recognize the fact! A kind word, a letter of sympathy, a warm shake of the hand, a prayer, practical assistance—how such things help and cheer us in the journey of life!

2. Helping one another is a blessing. Performed duties are always blessings. "And not to please ourselves." The Christian who ceases to help others soon comes to living simply for himself, and absolute selfishness is the most miserable condition into which we can come. Life becomes limited and stunted. We find ourselves "of all men most miserable." It has been said that giving is the great antidote to miserliness for those who are getting immensely rich or who have great riches. Self interest should encourage us to sympathy and helpfulness for others.

3. The purpose of helping one another. "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification." Spiritual good is the purpose of Christian helpfulness. That should ever be kept in mind. The cup of cold water is given to quench the thirst, but it affords an opportunity to speak to the thirsty one of the living water that quenches the thirst forever.

4. The example of Christ teaches us to help one another. "For even Christ pleased not Himself." He might have done so, but He did not. He is our great example. Let us follow His example in helping others.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. xxxv, 1-10; xli, 6; lxi, 1-3; Dan. xli, 3; Matt. xiv, 15-21; xxviii, 16-20; Luke v, 17-26; x, 25-37; Phil. ii, 1-12; Gal. vi, 2.

In the Ozarks.

At the recent rally of the Kansas City (Mo.) Union Miss Haus gave a very graphic description of how the young women of a society in the Ozarks determined to revolutionize their town, saying those familiar with the "tone" of a lumber town would appreciate the difficulty of the undertaking. Prayerfully they worked, under sealed orders given out every week, and their labors were not in

vain, for gradually the heaven began to work, and all but one of the young men accepted Christ during a revival held there a little later. From four active members the society has increased to sixty active members, and the end is not yet. This stirring message induced twenty-seven Endeavorers who heard her story to pledge themselves to become soul winners this year.

Two Fanny Crosby Endeavorgrams.

Christian Endeavor Juniors, I'm going to lock you up in my heart. It's big enough to hold you all. I'm going to pray for you. You pray for me.

It's a sweet, precious thought to me that the first face my eyes shall ever look upon is that of my Saviour. "I shall see Him first of all!" This is blessing enough for all of our Christian Endeavor.—Fanny J. Crosby, the Blind Hymn Writer.

Three Nuggets From India.

Christian Endeavor is not a spent force; it is a vital force.

I prophesy that the greatest Christian convention has yet to be held, and it will be a Christian Endeavor convention in India.

God can use weak Christians to do things that nobody else can do. Here's a keynote for Christian Endeavorers.—Rev. F. S. Hatch, Field Secretary for India.

Y. P. S. C. E.

YOUTH is the time the habits form.
YOUTH roots the oak to stand the storm.

PRAYER grounds the life in highest ways.
PRAYER serves to strengthen youthful days.

SIN crouches at the heart ajar.
SIN forces many a bolt and bar.

CHRIST brings abiding peace of heart.
CHRIST only makes all sin depart.

ENDEAVOR, then, is Christward lift.
ENDEAVOR—highest heaven's gift.
—John R. Clements.

Dr. Clark in Australia.

On one evening of the five days' convention in Melbourne the audience that greeted Dr. Clark numbered over 10,000 people. The convention committee issued a souvenir programme of views and music, on the cover of which was the latest photograph of the founder of Christian Endeavor. The large sacrifice that Dr. Clark willingly makes for the cause is shown by the enormous work he has done on this around the world journey. He has had public addresses in four or five meetings each day and interviews and conferences that rarely give him any leisure till midnight. He has also wielded a busy pen in the preparation of nearly two-score of newspaper and magazine articles that are having a large reading in this country and England.

Christian Endeavor.

I promise that as best I may
I'll do my little task each day
And nothing shirk.
I'll let Christ have His way in me,
I'll show unswerving loyalty
In all my work.

—John R. Clements in Binghamton Press.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 16.

Topic.—The power of personal influence
—John 1, 35-39.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

The power of personal influence has always been a great factor in the history of the world, and especially in the history of religion and of Christianity in particular. In fact, it was Christianity that brought the individual person into most active play in life, and the individual has repaid the institution that discovered and developed him.

Personal influence has played a great part in the leading of souls to Christ. Jesus Himself considered it worth while to spend a night with Nicodemus alone in conversation concerning the new birth and three years later was rewarded by the open, bold confession of the member of the sanhedrin in his favor. He also brought His personal influence to bear upon a poor degraded Samaritan woman and thus saved her and her people. When Andrew found the Christ, he led Simon Peter, his brother, to Him, and when Philip found Him he led Nathaniel to Him. The Holy Spirit during a revival in Samaria called Philip away that he might bring his influence to bear upon the Ethiopian official and bring about his conversion. This has been a method of God's during all the ages, but today it seems to be His special method of winning souls to the cross. The great mass meetings in which hundreds were converted in a night are largely a thing of the past, and the work is being done by "individual efforts for the individual." Are you doing your share of this personal work?

Personal influence upon another person may seem an insignificant work, but history does not prove it to be so. The Samaritan woman led her whole village to Christ. Simon Peter in one sermon led 3,000 to accept Christ. Philip the evangelist was a power in soul winning. All were the fruits of personal effort, yet how tremendous the accumulated results of their labors. In this respect history, with great regularity, repeats itself. The individual won by personal effort feels that he must win others, and a soul once fired with a zeal for souls never pauses when one has been led into the kingdom.

Moreover, personal work is always more effective. Apples picked one by one will be preserved much longer than those that have been shaken from the tree. Men won to Christ through earnest personal work will endure with a greater certainty than those brought in to the kingdom en masse. Therefore, following the example of Christ and the apostles, let us do all the personal work we can. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to seek the Simons and the Nathaniels and to lead them to the Messiah, who is indeed the Christ.

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. vi, 8-22; Matt. iii, 1-6; xxv, 14-30; xxviii, 16-20; Mark ii, 14; Luke xv, 1-10; John iii, 1-16; iv, 19-30; Acts viii, 26-40; Gal. vi, 9.

Michigan's President.

Fred W. Chamberlin, for the past two years president of the Michigan state union, began his Christian Endeavor



F. W. CHAMBERLIN.

life in that state in 1880. He has been the president of local societies in Detroit, Yonkers, N. Y., and Montclair, N. J. He also served the Montclair Young People's federation as its president and made an enviable record as president of the Detroit Christian Endeavor union

for two years. He has splendid executive ability and a great faculty of "making things go."

The Value of Conventions.

There can be no doubt as to the value of such gatherings as the great Christian Endeavor conventions. They bring together picked workers from the churches, the brightest and best and most devoted souls. The simple fact of such a coming into touch with hundreds of consecrated lives must mean untold blessing.

We labor in our little corner of the field. Our view is necessarily narrow. We are busy with our difficulties and problems. We often grow dull and discouraged. To rub against other workers who have met these same obstacles and conquered them, who have seen glorious results in the work of the gospel, and to see the glow and feel the throb of their enthusiasm, always sends us back with new grit and fresh power.

The matter of methods is an important one. Perhaps we have worn out the old ways of doing things. In some other field they have learned to do the same old work in new ways. To know these will make our service for Christ far more effective.—Rev. Edwin Forrest Hallenbeck, D. D.

State Sunday.

New York is going to observe Oct. 16 as state Sunday. A special programme is being sent out from the state secretary's office to be used by the 2,500 societies. The day is for the purpose of making every one acquainted with the work of the state union.

From the Keystone State.

The latest compilation of Pennsylvania figures puts the total number of Endeavorers in the Keystone State at 135,000.

They organized 117 new Junior societies last year.

The press department of the state union sent out nearly 1,200 letters during the past twelve months.

Eighty-two new societies have been organized since July, 1902.

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No occupation in life offers greater inducements, greater variety of enjoyable work, or a better chance for a broader development than business. The professions are crowded, and they tend, furthermore, to dwarf the individual, crushing out originality and individuality. They are specialties, they develop only one side, whereas business develops all sides. The world would be in a sad plight without the professional man, but it would be in a sadder plight without the business man, for it is on business and trade that the world exists. Solid, level-headed business men are now demanding assistants who have had a business training.

The technical education of a young man about to enter business is as imperative to the complete and highest success of his life as is the technical education of a lawyer, preacher, and doctor to theirs.

The main trouble with most business schools is that they are mere

schools of theoretical bookkeeping. The Morse Business College should not be confounded with such. At this institution is offered an elaborate and complete training for any kind of business career. Actual Business Practice is its crowning feature. Students are taught to DO rather than to imagine that they do. At Morse's you learn by experience and there is nothing theoretically dry in the course. All kinds of business and legal forms are written up by the students and used in real transactions. Students are taught the various new ideas and systems in business by doing the work in finely furnished business offices right in the schoolrooms. They manage the corporations, practice the very latest and best systems of accounting, study commercial and international law, listen to regular talks on the various phases as applied to business, have valuable morning exercises in rapid calculation under Prof. L. H. Boyd, who is an acknowledged expert in this line, are taught plain muscular movement business penmanship, business arithmetic, the spelling of commercial terms and phrases, practical English, civil government, the geography of commerce, business forms and business correspondence. In the advanced departments the student practices banking, transportation, insurance, commission, importing, and wholesaling. He studies commercial credits, shipping, business system, finance, and many other branches of practical learning, together with tact development and the latest labor-saving office devices.

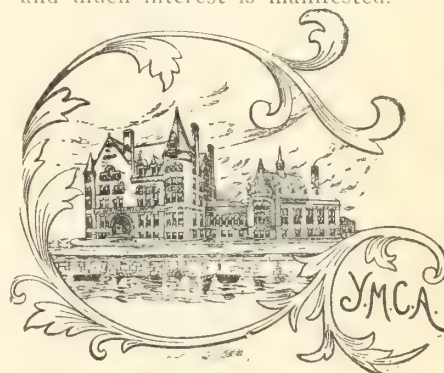
Time was when one could make a fair success of business without a special training for it, but times have taken on a radical change. Competition, capital, trusts and shrewd business methods demand that young men or women who wish to be successful nowadays must be specially trained for their work. For just such training the Morse Business College is in existence.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The approach of fall weather has already brought the usual increase in the number of applicants at the Open Hearth and will be an occasion of increased efforts to do good to all who come. Many of these men are of those who have been with us before and have shown that they realize that great good has been effected in their own cases and come back with grateful hearts, while others come for the first time and are encouraged and helped to change their course and become useful instead of a menace to society. The good done can never be

estimated. What men need most is a helping hand and a quiet and friendly talk and Mr. S. W. Raymond, now in charge, is eminently fitted to give the best advice to those who are desirous of turning from their vices and starting on a course which will lead to happiness and usefulness. It is truly a great work which is done at the Open Hearth and the citizens of Hartford fully appreciate the work done. It is hoped that this fall and winter will be the most successful ever experienced and all connected with the institution hope that this may be realized. During the past summer season the attendance at our meetings has been good. Rev. Mr. Faucon has taken the Wednesday evening meetings during August, Rev. Mr. Goodwin being absent. Mr. S. W. Raymond, acting superintendent, has taken the Sunday evening meetings and the interest manifested has shown the appreciation of those present.

The playgrounds and gardens have given great enjoyment to the children, and the children's meetings on Friday evenings are fully attended and much interest is manifested.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The twelfth season for the night school for men of the Young Men's Christian Association will open October 3. Friday evening, September 23, a reception will be tendered to the past and present students. All young men are welcome.

The Sunday afternoon meetings were resumed on Sunday, September 18. The meetings will be held in the Association building up to October 24. The first meeting of the series at the Hartford Opera House will be held Sunday, October 31. The Association Bible School will open Tuesday, October 4. This season five classes will be conducted and they will be open to all men whether members of the Association or not.

Much interest is being manifested in the annual course of entertainments, which this season will be given in Foot Guard Hall. The committee has made a special effort to present the strongest list obtainable for this

season. The ablest lecturers, finest music and most pleasing entertainments have been included, to suit different tastes. As there is a never-ending need of good wholesome entertainments in our city, they earnestly solicit the support of the public favor. The dates and attractions are given in the other column.

THE Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

A splendid course of popular entertainments has been arranged for the coming season by the Y. M. C. A. They will be given in Foot Guard Hall and are open to the public. A special rate of \$2.00 for the entire course, with same reserved seat for the season, is made for members and the number of tickets obtainable is not limited. Those not members of the Association are charged \$3.00 for the season, and as there are nine first-class entertainments, this price is very reasonable.

The dates and attractions are as follows:

Tuesday, October 18. The Campanari Company, including Signor Campanari, baritone; Mme. Ruby Cutter Savage, soprano; Miss Dorothy Hoyle, violiniste; Mr. Ward Stephens, pianist.

Monday, October 31. Roland Dwight Grant, A. M., D. D., in his wonderful word picture, "With Michael Angelo in Rome," illustrated by stereopticon.

Tuesday, November 22. The Royal Entertainers, G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, in their incomparable "Protean Entertainment," a program full of vivacity, fun, grace, and refinement.

Monday, December 12. A great illustrated entertainment, entitled, "A Day and Night with Our Life Savers," presented by Mr. J. E. Comerford. The noted Kinetograph moving pictures will be used.

Wednesday, December 21. Carmen's Italian Boys and Elbert Foland, humorist. Seven artists. A novel entertainment.

Wednesday, February 1. The Floyds, unique entertainers. Floyd, sleight of hand and illusions. Mohola, second sight and memory tests.

Wednesday, February 15. The Colonial Orchestral Club of Boston, with Maude Fowler, reader. This entertainment will appeal especially to lovers of good music.

Monday, March 6. Prof. John B. De Motte, the brilliant and scholarly lecturer, on "Python Eggs and the American Boy." Beautifully illustrated by stereopticon.

Wednesday, April 5. The Whitney Brothers' Quartette, one of the leading quartettes of the day. Mr. Edward M. Whitney is the reader.

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od is a combination of theory and practice in **just the right proportion**. It presents the happy medium between the stage coach method of all theory, and the modern craze of "learn by doing" from the start. This combination of "learn" and "do" produces skilled and thoughtful accountants and not mere machines, as in the case of "learn by doing."

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"My!" exclaimed the little fish who had been nibbling at the bait, "this worm tastes sour."

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Says a rural editor: "Owing to the overcrowded condition of our columns a number of births and deaths are unavoidably postponed this week." — The Pathfinder.

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"A camp-meeting of more than one hundred thousand, a veritable nation assembled in faith," are the words in which Mr. David Bell Macgowan, in "A Russian Lourdes" in the September "Century," describes the pilgrimage to Sarov in August, 1903, to the canonization of the Russian popular saint, Seraphim, whose image is worn by every Russian soldier. What gave special interest to the occasion was the participation of the Czar and Czarina in the ceremony, to which the "Century's" illustrations testify.

Has the Standard Oil Company tried to keep the cost of light up or down? Who has been benefited by the combination, and what have the profits been? These are the things in Standard Oil history that are of living importance to the man who buys oil by the gallon. These are the questions answered by Miss Ida M. Tarbell in an extraordinary paper on "The Price of Oil" in "McClure's" for September.

Mrs. Woodbury has exactly caught the note of sweet seriousness — so typical of childhood the world over — in her four pastels of "Dutch Children," which are reproduced in the September number of "The Book-lovers Magazine." The quaint costumes, the chubby faces, and the bright colors make up four pages that everyone will turn to with interest and satisfaction.

With six stirring short stories, with the second instalment of the absorbingly interesting "Dr. Nicholas Stone" novel, and with three special articles, including the now famous "Indian Fights and Fighters," the reader of "Pearson's Magazine" for September finds himself supplied with one of the brightest, most interesting companions to his travels in this, the most ideal of all vacation months.

Those qualities of timeliness and general readableness which characterize "Everybody's" are well to the fore in the September issue. A capital article on motor boats — the new, swift, high-powered pleasure craft — tells fully of these late toys of the millionaire class. The "Deepest Mine in the World" describes the wonderful copper mines of Michigan. In "The Campaign Spellbinder" Lindsay Denison describes the ways and methods of certain political orators and narrates many diverting stories.

With the September number the "Woman's Home Companion" begins an unusually interesting year. In a timely interview, Mrs. Uchida, wife of our Japanese Consul-General, talks about Japanese people and Japanese customs. "A Visit to the Home of ex-President Cleveland" is a chatty ar-

ticle on that famous statesman, illustrated with exclusive pictures. Other features are "The Wonders of Magazine Making," "Making Perfumes in Sunny France," an illustrated interview with Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, who has joined the editorial staff of the "Woman's Home Companion."

Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co. have prepared a new edition of Barnes' Popular History of the United States revised to date and including illustrations of the Panama Canal and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

"The Importance of Preaching," "Doctrinal Preaching" and "Evangelistic," "Expository" and "Extemporaneous Preaching" are considered under separate chapter headings. In addition "Qualifications for Preaching," "The Indorsement of Preaching" and "The Joy of Preaching" are expatiated upon.

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The stepmother who takes her sweet-natured and tactful way through this little story reminds inevitably of "Mrs. Wiggs" and yet she is distinctly a different person and one whose acquaintance will be new entirely.

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Koreans at Home. By Constance J. D. Taylor. 80 pages, 8vo. New York: Cassell & Co. Ltd. Price \$1.50.

This work enables one to give, as it were, a quick glimpse of the whole of Korea. One may get the "atmosphere," appreciate wherein the Koreans are a distinctive people, and learn something of their more characteristic customs and peculiarities.

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The Cost. By David Graham Phillips. 402 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price, \$1.50.

This story, in the author's characteristic vein, may be described as a story of politics and "high" and "low" finance. A dramatic story it certainly is from first to last and the lesson—or moral—is sharply and distinctly evident before one is well through the book.

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The Challoners. By E. F. Benson. 345 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$1.50.

This novel is so entirely different in tone from the author's sensational "Dodo," that it comes as a distinct and agreeable surprise. The love sto-

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Heart of Lynn. By Mary Stewart Cutting. 264 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$1.25.

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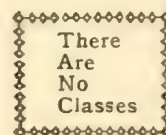
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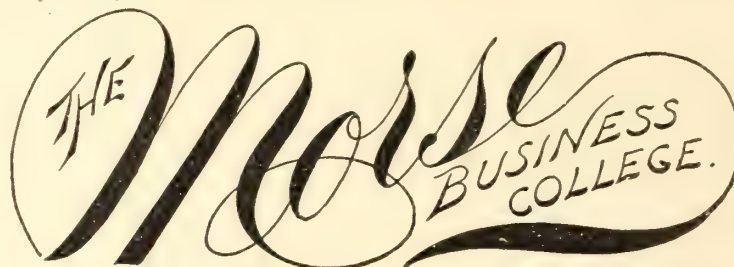
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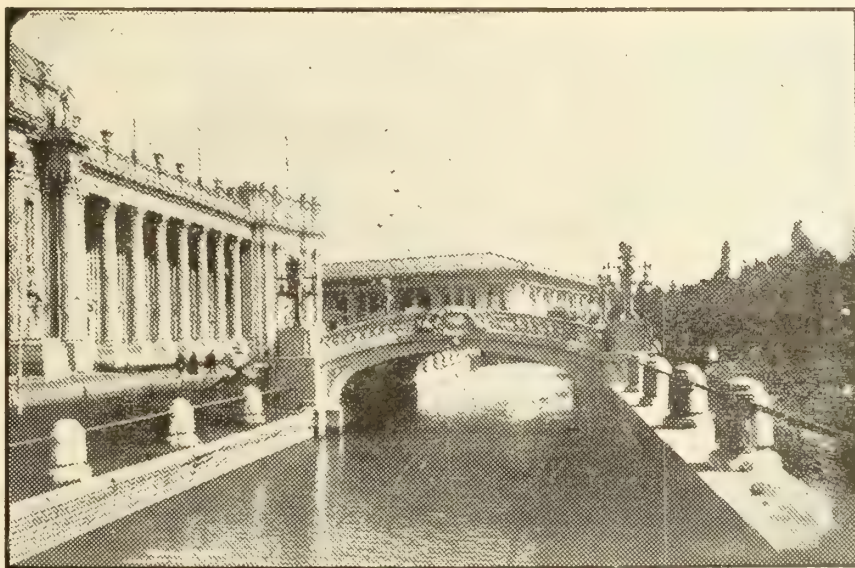
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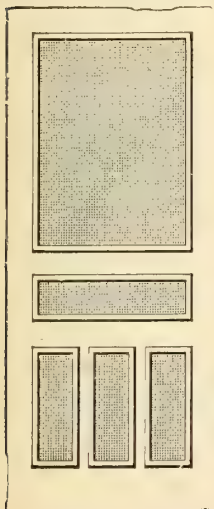
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more.
Beethoven sings his soleful strain;
And in the unsealed tombs of yore
Wake all the passion, all the pain.

They are not dead, these silent ones,
Nor dumb, but eloquent with light,
And sparkle like the infinite suns
Beyond our reach, though in our
sight.

Like melodies that once have thrilled,
And in the memory never die,
Those calm, majestic voices stilled
Come echoing from eternity.
— Sunday School Times.

Bishop Brent says: "The only living religion is that which is missionary, and the Church which is most persistently and courageously missionary is the one that will have the deepest as well as the widest power for good."

Troubles will come which look as if they would never pass away. The night and the storm look as if they would last forever, but the calm and the morning cannot be stayed; the storm in its very nature is transient. The effort of nature, as that of the human heart, ever is to return to its repose, for God is peace. — George McDonald.

AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

By Rev. H. F. Shupe.

How do you get to the Exposition? All roads lead to St. Louis this summer. St. Louis being one of the four big cities which give to the Big Four Route its name, we took the Big Four to the Exposition City. The great Union station is the first big thing to be seen, covering eleven acres, with thirty-two tracks. The mass of hurrying humanity, in which you find yourself, is confusing, but uniformed station attendants will answer questions.

We took the Market street car direct to the Christian Endeavor Hotel, at the Exposition Grounds, about six miles from Union station. This hotel covers the space of two blocks, is three stories high, and has accommodations for over three thousand guests, with a dining room seating fifteen hundred. It is a temporary structure, but the rooms are comfortable, and the provisions against fire ample. Some time ago the saloon element of the city gave rise to a report that the Christian Endeavor Hotel had been refused permission to build, and one report had it that it was burned down. It is a temperance hotel, where

good people may find accommodations at reasonable rates and be free from unpleasant associations. The men who put up the three hundred thousand dollars to build it are Christian men. The rates are \$1.25 a day for lodging, or \$1.00 if you have a certificate, for which you have paid \$1.00. A good breakfast costs thirty-five cents, and dinner forty cents. You have the accommodations of a hotel, although it is not quite as elegant as a Waldorf-Astoria.

It is located at one of the entrances to the Exposition grounds, but it is a rear entrance, and more than a mile from the main gateway; but, then, the main entrance is a mile or two from some of the exhibits. If all guests were treated as we were, I can cheerfully recommend the Christian Endeavor Hotel. If you want entertainment there, write about fifteen days in advance and engage rooms. The hotel has contracts for three hundred thousand people, but it can take care of five hundred thousand for the season.

We arrived at the Fair on Saturday morning and put in a full day. I think Saturday is a good day to begin the Fair. You are fresh and eager, and will put in as much time as possible. The next morning you are tired and sore from the miles of walking you



have done, and you have Sunday in which to rest. Go to Sunday-school and church in the city, and in the afternoon rest, and attend the services in the Hotel at three and eight o'clock. Fortunately, the Fair is closed on Sunday, and the day's worship and rest will prepare you to start fresh on Monday.

We took the trolley (within the walls) railway at the nearest station and went to the Grand Court, that our first view might be of the Main Picture. The "Main Picture" is a magnificently grand combination of archi-

and the grandest in architectural beauty the world has even seen. All this you will see at eleven o'clock in the morning, for at that hour the Cascades begin to play. You will want to see it again at 7.30 in the evening, when the illumination is added to the marvelousness of the display. Then, seated on a bench, you will wait for the beginning of the illumination. Gradually, all over the majestic buildings, the lights begin to appear, and presently you behold a sight that is beyond the power of description. You gaze in wonder and admiration; no

and weariness of the trip.

But to go back to the program of the day. Having climbed the broad, pink stairway to the Festival Hall, a building of rare beauty, with a seating capacity of forty-five hundred, and a big pipe organ that required twenty-four cars to bring it to St. Louis, we look down upon the marvelous picture before us. On the right of the Grand Court are the Educational, Manufactures, Liberal Arts and Mines and Metallurgy buildings. On the left are the Electricity, Varied Industries, Machinery, and Transportation



CROWNING PIECE OF SCULPTURE ON THE CASCADE.

tecture, statuary, landscape gardening, lagoons, fountains and cascades. The stately dome of Festival Hall crowns the hill before you. A superb Art Palace, a permanent building, rises behind a columnated screen, known as the Terrace of States, flanking the Festival Hall. On the face of the hill are the Cascades, pouring a flood of crystal water between beautiful statuary down into the Grand Basin, on which ply gondolas and noiseless launches, while fountains shoot their water many feet into the air. To the right and the left are the exhibit palaces, the largest in extent,

words can express your feelings. The cascades are illuminated with varicolored electric lights, while from all the buildings and columns thousands of lights, like chains of gold, shed their effulgence upon the scene. Nearly one hundred and twenty thousand electric lamps are used on the grounds. The Varied Industries Building, near where you are seated, has fifteen thousand and there are points of observation from which it is said ninety thousand may be seen. Weber's great band is giving a concert near by, and as you sit, tired and happy, you feel repaid for all the cost

buildings.

In seeing the Exposition in a few days, you want to study your map, begin where you are, and take the buildings systematically. We go first to the Educational and Social Economy building, covering over five acres, its magnificent Corinthian columns giving a classic grandeur to its appearance. Here are the exhibits of the schools of thirty-three American States, and fourteen foreign nations, the displays of Germany, England, Sweden, France, and Japan occupying large space. Having examined with some care one or two of these, we

pass the others rapidly, for, to the general observer, there is great similarity in them. Social economy has considerable space here. The exhibits of health boards are interesting, and the methods of dealing with the great white plague, consumption, are illustrated by models of health camps, etc. You can here study the whole subject of life insurance from large charts. "Labor Omnia Vincit" is the motto over the department occupied by the American Federation of Labor. The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has an exhibit which interests us, displaying local-option maps of various States, showing how the righteous principle of Prohibition is extending its sway. A model nursery, with all newest devices for the care of children, claims a little time. The police and detective exhibit here has all the newest paraphernalia and devices of that department of corrective social economy. Some of the six thousand pictures of the rogues' gallery collection, from the first daguerreotypes down to the most recent photographs, are shown.

These are just a few of the things to be seen, just a hint as to what calls for attention. But we are tired now. Oh, the weariness of seeing a World's Fair!—unless you can afford a roller-chair and guide at sixty cents an hour.

We are tired, so we go to see Hagenback's wonderful trained animals, and his extensive zoo. This is one of the Pike shows that we knew to be a safe investment of money and valuable time. But do not be deceived. "Admission, ten cents," is the statement at the entrance; but the ten cents admits you only to the zoo, and it is worth it. You study at close range various animals and fowls, and will watch with interest the dozen bears and lions among the rocks of a



CONNECTICUT BUILDING.

realistic representation of a mountain. The trained animal show is in an inside building, and the admission fee is twenty-five cents, and it is worth it, too. We rest for an hour and enjoy the wonderful feats of the animals, and go out to begin with the Manufactures Building.

But I cannot tell you about the exhibits here. A characteristic of the Exposition is that processes, instead of finished products, are shown. You follow the process of making a shoe, from the operation which cuts out the leather until it is polished and placed in the box with its mate, ready for the sales counter. The knitting of stockings and of lace, the weaving of silk, and many other processes of manufacture may be studied.

The buildings now close, and we spend a delightful hour in the Grand Court, viewing the "Main Picture," under the spell of the illumination. We then go down the "Pike." It is a mile long, and it is said that it requires twenty-one dollars to see all its shows. Judging from outside appearances, there are many of the shows that one does well to pass by, thereby saving money and morals. It is a brilliantly-lighted street, with a motley company of all nationalities, and a conglomeration of sounds that are distracting. There is one attraction we would advise all who go to the Fair to see. It is "Jim Key," the educated horse. Jim will teach you some valuable lessons, and it costs only fifteen cents to see him.

We take the intramural car for our hotel, and turn in at ten o'clock, very tired—"dead tired," to use an expression often overheard at the Fair. Sunday morning, we go to the city to Sunday-school and church. Rev. Robert J. Burdette—"Bob" Burdette—is the preacher we go to hear. The association of press humorists were

meeting at the Exposition, and Mr. Burdette was in the city, and preached in a Baptist church.

It was a beautiful, helpful, encouraging sermon.

Sunday afternoon, Mr. Charles N. Crittenden, founder of the Florence Crittenden Rescue work, spoke at the Christian Endeavor Hotel, and at eight o'clock Rev. Mr. Huntley, M. D., a medical missionary from China, preached in the parlors. At the close of the service many persons spoke of their appreciation, and one lady asked him, "Do you know Dr. G. Campbell Morgan?" "No, I have never met him, but I am a great admirer of him," was the reply. "Your sermon reminded me so much of Doctor Morgan's sermon on the same subject," said the lady, and I am wondering still whether the speaker took it as a compliment or not.

On Monday morning, as soon as the gates were open, eight o'clock, we entered at the States' Building entrance, and after registering at the Ohio Building, visited the great government bird cage, with its many hundreds of fowls. As soon as the buildings were open, nine o'clock, we took up the study of the United States Government exhibits, the finest at the Exposition, and the ones from which the most may be learned. Do not ask me to describe them. Every department of the government is represented, with a view to making the people familiar with the nation's activities for the welfare of its subjects. In the Post Office Department may be seen a postal car, with the men throwing the mails; an old stage coach; mail transportation in Alaska and Porto Rico; many interesting relics from the dead letter office; a rare collection of stamps, etc. The Department of Commerce and Labor has Carroll A. Wright's exhibits of great interest to



SCULPTURE PIECE ON CASCADE.

the labor world. The Interior Department shows many interesting models from the Patent Office. In the Smithsonian Institute section are skeletons of extinct animals, meteorites weighing tons, and many Indian objects. In the Treasury department you may see a mint in operation. In the Navy Department you walk through an exact-sized model of a man-of-war. The Department of Agriculture would greatly interest many of our readers. In the Department of State you may look upon the treaty with France, transferring the Louisiana territory to the United States, which event is commemorated by this World's Fair. The government fisheries exhibit will claim more of your time and admiration than you anticipated.

We spend the remainder of the Day in the Fine Arts Palace, viewing the paintings of many nations.

Tuesday morning we began with the Philippine reservation, embracing forty acres. We crossed the exact reproduction of the Manila bridge over the Pasig river, to the Intramuros, a reproduction of the fortifications at Manila. Nearly a thousand Filipinos are on the reservation, including many tribes-people, who live in villages fenced off with bamboo poles, many tons of this and other native material having been brought from the islands. The admission to these villages is twenty-five cents. We visited the Igorote village, called on the grounds, the "dog-eating" Filipinos." The nearly nude natives were thatching the buildings with grass, weaving coarse cloth, and cooking rice with the reputed absence of cleanliness. The women smoked cigars, which they begged from visitors, and a little three-year-old Filipino was smoking a pipe half as long as his arm. Near by are the encampments of the Macabebe scouts and the constabulary, the trim, soldierly appearance of these men contrasting greatly with the scantily clothed tribes-people. The dress parade of the soldiers and their band of seventy-five pieces, witnessed on a subsequent evening, was an interesting sight. The educational, war, forestry, and other exhibits of the



MACHINERY BUILDING.

Filipinos were not completed and open for visitors.

The Philippine reservation is near Agricultural Hill, and we go next to the great Palace of Agriculture, a building covering twenty-two acres, and having seven miles of aisles. Of course we did not see all that was in it, and some of the exhibits were not yet placed, but it is an interesting place. Near by is the Horticultural Building, with a display of fruits that makes you long for the apple orchard. At the south side of the Agricultural Building is a ten-acre rose garden. The roses were just beginning to bloom when we were there. The embellishments of the grounds is one of the sights of the Exposition; it is said that thirty million flowering and budding plants have been used. I didn't count them.

At the north end of the Agricultural Building is a novelty in the form of a floral clock. The dial is one hundred feet in diameter, and the figures are fifteen feet high, and made entirely of plants.

If you should be in this part of the grounds at 2.30 in the afternoon, it will pay to invest ten cents in a comfortable chair and watch the United States life-saving crew rescue several men from a wreck, and save from drowning a man who can't swim, and show the qualities of a non-sinkable, self-emptying life boat. This is something you should not miss.

From Agricultural Hill we went to see the Indians. Dirty, blanket-covered natives were seen in their wigwams and tepees, with meat drying in the sun, and with dirt all about them. In the center of the reservation is the Indian School exhibit, with several hundred young Indian pupils, showing what the government is do-

ing for the elevation of the aborigines.

A little time was spent in the Anthropological Building, viewing the mummies, and the mound builders, and other prehistoric relics. Then to the Administration we went to see the elegant and costly exhibit of the queen's jubilee gifts. These are the exquisite and priceless gifts presented to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her diamond jubilee, and are at St. Louis by special command of King Edward VII. There are gold, silver, ivory, ebony, sandalwood, and other caskets, containing congratulatory addresses in a hundred different languages. There is a fancy ostrich-feather screen, from the farmers and women of Cape Colony. A full catalogue of the gifts would not convey an idea of their beauty.

Some of the National buildings now lie in our way toward the Grand Court. It is 3.30, and we are tired. Twenty cents secures two comfortable chairs near the bandstand, and for an hour we rest and enjoy the music of Sousa's band.

But I must stop right here. I can't tell you about the transportation exhibit, with its models—but I promised to stop. I can't describe the many things we saw, and the many more which we did not see.

Did we see all the Fair? Do not ask foolish questions. "How long will it take to see the Exposition?" Well, there are over twelve hundred acres in the grounds, and fifty-five miles of paved or macadamized walks. There are one hundred and twenty-eight acres under roof, with a hundred acres of outdoor exhibits. There are seventy thousand separate exhibitors. If you gave one minute to each exhibit—do a little figuring, and see how many months it would take to see it all.

We spent five days at the Exposition, including a Sunday for rest, and saw enough to satisfy us; but if you can stay longer, do so.

"Are expenses high?" Our experience was confined to the Christian Endeavor Hotel, and its rates are moderate, considering the location and occasion. Inside the gates, prices were about double, ten cents for car fare, and five cents for a glass of water, unless you had a penny to put in the slot machine, or were near a State building, where free ice water is dispensed.

I must confess that we did not try the price of meals on the grounds. Being under the necessity of practicing economy, we bought twenty-five cent lunch-boxes at the hotel and carried them with us, thus saving at least half the cost of living. But you



INDIAN EDUCATION BUILDING.

need not do this for there are a hundred restaurants on the ground. What will it cost? Count at least \$2.25 a day for lodging and meals, 50 cents for admission, and 25 cents for carfare and other incidentals. Side attractions and comforts must be added to this.

Is it worth going to see? Yes. Those who saw the Chicago Exposition will see here a bigger and better exposition, and those who have never seen a World's Fair will be amply repaid for the cost, which is naturally somewhat greater than at a county fair.



ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Philip C. Walcott, our assistant pastor, was married to Miss Benedict of New Jersey, this month. Mr. and Mrs. Walcott will return to Hartford this week and will live on Willard street.

Every morning, from 9 until 12 o'clock, Mr. Walcott will be in the pastor's study in the parish house, as formerly.

A meeting of the Central Committee of the Young People's Federation was held last Sunday evening, at which the chairmen of the different committees reported their plans for the year. It was decided that every committee should be doubled, — that is, a membership of fifteen or twenty. In this way we hope to arouse more interest. The new feature to be taken up this winter is the boys' club.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The parish house, the gift of Miss Clara Hillyer, was dedicated Sept. 28. Rev. Messrs. Potter, Ranney, Parker, Macbeth and the pastor, Mr. Peabody, all gave interesting speeches. After the service there was a social hour, during which light refreshments were served.

Our Sunday-school has received new inspiration since we held its sessions in the parish house. On Rally Day there were nearly five hundred present.

Prof. Beardslee spends an hour with the teachers every Thursday evening, talking to them about the lesson for the following Sunday. These meetings are well attended and have proved to be very successful.

The Endeavor Society hopes to do good work this year. We expect to carry out some of the suggestions which we heard at the State Convention.

Friday evening, October 21, the Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper and

entertainment, the proceeds of which went to our foreign pastor, Mr. Knapp of Harpoot, Turkey.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Dr. Harriman, our rector, is in Boston, attending the General Conference as a delegate from Connecticut.

Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Harriman and Miss Loomis attended the missionary meetings held in Boston recently.

Reverend Cranston Brinton, who is a professor at Trinity College, is conducting the services in the absence of the rector.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

All of the parish societies have commenced their regular schedule of meetings after the summer vacation and active work is to be resumed.

Mr. Howard Brewer, formerly organist of St. Mary's church, South Manchester, has been retained to preside at the organ and have general charge of the music.

A memorial service in memory of our former rector, Rev. George Russell Warner, will be held in the church on the evening of All Saints' Day.

The Sunday-school opened the latter part of September with a very good attendance.

The Guild is soon to give a supper. The Young People's Club has started this fall with increased membership, and much useful work and pleasant meetings are anticipated.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The annual meeting of the Men's League was held October 6 and officers elected for season of 1904-5. It is intended to hold monthly meetings in the Colt Memorial house with an address and social hour each evening.

General Henry C. Dwight will give the address at the October meeting, Thursday, the 20th. His subject will be "The Civil War."

The Men's League has commenced bowling in the alleys of the Memorial House and intend to have a tournament soon. The members are also interested in the pool and billiard games.

The Daughters of the King and the Girls' Friendly Society are meeting regularly each week and the interest in the work of these societies is increasing.

The rector, Rev. G. T. Linsley, attended the recent Convention of the Episcopal church at Boston. He gave an interesting account of the services he attended while there in his sermon on Sunday morning, October 9. It was very encouraging to him to see and feel that this church is doing so much for the good of mankind.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

A meeting of the Hartford Group of the Epworth League was held in the church on Wednesday, October 19. Dr. A. H. Goodenough of Bristol, Conn., made the address. His subject was "Some Life Values."

The last week in October the church will observe its tenth anniversary. Anniversary gatherings will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. On Sunday, October

30, Rev. Crandall J. North, presiding elder at the time of the organization of the church, will preach the sermon in the morning. In the evening, Bishop Charles C. McCabe will make the address, and other ministers will participate in the service.

Special religious services will be held in the church beginning on Wednesday, November 9, and continuing through November 25.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

An entertainment was given Wednesday evening, September 28, by the U. T. A. Club. The proceeds are for the purchase of a Mission Study Library.

On Sunday evening, September 25, our delegate to Silver Bay gave an interesting and helpful description of her experiences there.

Sunday evening, October 2, was a Rally Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. An address was made by the pastor, Members of the society spoke briefly on the following subjects: "Historical Review of the Society"; "Necessity of More Systematic Business Methods"; "Our Pledge"; "Outlook for New Work"; "Work of Junior Endeavor"; "Personal Work"; "Fraternal Side of Our Organization."

One new member was received into the church by baptism Sunday evening, October 9.

A chorus choir has been organized and, under the direction of a competent leader, is of great assistance to the song services of the church.

The pastor began a series of sermons on "The Wedding Garment," Sunday evening, October 16.

The seventieth anniversary, annual reunion and roll call of the church will be held Thursday evening, October 20. Reports will be heard from all departments of church work.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

At the annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, Mr. Harry E. Page was elected president, succeeding Mr. James Johnston, Jr., who declined re-election.

The Men's Class gave a supper to raise money to apply on the church debt, over twenty dollars being realized.

The efforts to clear off the remainder of the church debt have resulted in raising nearly half of the amount remaining, and it is hoped that the entire sum can be raised within a month.

In the sudden death of Mrs. J. R. Prentice, the church loses one of its active and enthusiastic workers.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We have to chronicle this month the departure of two families, which we consider a great loss. Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Shaw, with little Grace, have removed to Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crocker have removed to Ohio. We see new faces, however, which appear to be permanent.

October 2, we had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Mr. Buffum, of Russell, Mass., a clergyman of the Baptist denomination, our pastor having exchanged with him.

October 16, we were privileged to listen to the Rev. Thomas Feltman,

whose field of labor is in the Catskill region. He is exceedingly interesting as a speaker, and in the evening gave us an account of the work in the Catskills. He dislikes so much to speak of himself, and the success of the work has been so much the result of his own labor, under God, that we knew when he was through that we had not heard all that might have been said, but it was intensely interesting and increased our interest much in that work.

October 23, we expect our State Missionary, Rev. J. A. Purdy of Plainville, to be here, and he may give us an account of the State work.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Girls' Friendly Society has commenced its fall and winter work, meeting Monday evenings in the parish house at 7 o'clock, where all young women will be welcome. At a recent meeting supper was served and the evening spent in a social manner.

Sunday-school is now meeting in two sections, the graded course at 9.30 a. m., and the uniform lesson course at 2.30 p. m. The three Sundays under the new regime have been very satisfactory, and when the prospective promotions to the graded courses have been completed, we anticipate excellent scholastic work to be the result.

The room over the choir room has been fitted up for the use of the Junior Branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which now holds its regular meetings there on Tuesday evenings.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

Our pastor received the hearty greetings of his people on his return from a vacation sojourn on the Maine coast, both at the preparatory lecture on Thursday evening, September 29, and on the following Sunday, October 2, when a Communion service was held.

It gave great pleasure to our people to listen again to our former pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hatch, who gave a sermon full of earnest thought at the morning service, September 4. The same evening he gave a charming informal talk in the auditorium, on India and some of his experiences there.

Rev. Franklin D. Ehmer of Winsted, occupied the pulpit on Sunday, September 11, and a large congregation listened to him with real interest, as one in whom West Hartford takes great pride.

On Sunday, September 18, Rev. Henry B. Roberts preached a most helpful sermon as did Rev. D. D. Marsh on the following Sunday.

Miss Viola A. M. Doolittle has resigned her position as superintendent of the primary department of our Bible-school. She will be succeeded by Mrs. C. M. Geer.

Our Rally Day exercises, held in the auditorium, at the regular hour of the Bible-school session, on Sunday, October 9, were interesting and helpful. Mr. Joshua Belden of the Newington Sunday-school led in prayer. A class of ten boys and girls was promoted from the primary department. Rev. T. M. Hodgdon made brief remarks and Mr. W. A. Wells gave an interesting talk on the purpose of

Rally Day. Several of our absent members sent messages.

The meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, on October 9, was omitted, because of the meeting of the Connecticut Christian Endeavor Union at the Park Congregational church.

The twenty-third annual bazaar of our church was held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6, and was a very successful affair, financially as well as socially. Mrs. C. H. Flagg was lady manager and certainly deserves great credit and hearty thanks for her efficient service. The net proceeds amounted to \$840, somewhat larger than in any former year.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Sunday-school of the Village street chapel observed Rally Day, September 25. There were recitations and songs by the children and an address by Rev. R. H. Potter. The attendance was good and the outlook is encouraging for the work of the year.

The Mothers' Meetings reopened September 30, and there has been a good attendance at each meeting. Several new members have come in and the interest seems to be increasing. These meetings are greatly helped by the special solos which are rendered each week by young women from the different churches.

The boys and girls are impatiently waiting for the various clubs and classes to begin. They will all open about the first of November and a number of new workers have volunteered their assistance which makes it possible to put in some additional week-day work.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The fall work has opened very encouragingly. The average attendance at all services is slightly larger than a year ago, and all the branches of parochial activity show healthful development.

An important meeting of the Sunday-school Teachers' Guild on Tuesday, October 18, was held at the rectory. Extensive plans were made for the improvement of the work of the Sunday-school.

The Choir Guild held a very successful meeting on Monday evening, October 3. After the annual meeting an entertainment followed, with songs by Frank Gill, cornet music by Harrison Northrop, and piano and violin solos by Miss and Master Leschke. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by the large number present. The new organ is giving great satisfaction. Choirmaster and Organist Priest gave a delightful recital on Thursday evening, September 29. Mr. Schaefer was the soloist and rendered some excellent selections. The next recital will take place in the afternoon to accommodate those who may find it a more convenient time. It will be held November 2, probably, from 3.45 to 4.45.

A number of Christ church people have attended the sessions of the General Convention in Boston, among them Mrs. G. W. Russell, Mrs. T. Belknap Beach, Miss Augusta Williams, Mrs. James Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Goodwin, Miss

Goodspeed and both the clergy of the parish.

The Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander of the Berkeley Divinity School will conduct a Quiet Day, just before Lent, in Christ church, probably early in March next. The details will be announced later.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CON- GREGATIONAL.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have changed the hour of their meeting to 7 o'clock Sunday evening. All are cordially invited to attend and participate in its work.

The meeting last Sunday evening was devoted largely to "Echoes of the State Christian Endeavor Convention," and remarks were made by W. G. Baxter, Gilbert W. Chapin, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Nelson B. Bassett, Miss Grace D. Thayer, Rev. Wm. De Loss Love, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Forbes and David Calhoun, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. John C. Bidwell led the meeting and gave a talk on the Friday afternoon session of the convention.

A business meeting will be held Sunday evening at the close of the regular session of the Endeavor Society.

The pastor and his wife will be tendered a wedding reception Monday evening, November 7, in honor of their 20th Anniversary. The members and congregation are cordially invited.

Rev. Carl and Mrs. Stackman of New Haven, were guests of Gilbert W. Chapin during the C. E. Convention sessions.

Our church members were quite prominent in the entertainment of the speakers at the recent convention. Mr. J. H. Mansfield and wife were entertained by W. G. Baxter. Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Harris of Meriden, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hitchcock. Rev. George Foster Prentice of New Haven was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Forbes. Miss Nettie S. Kellogg of Worcester, Mass., was the guest of Miss Grace D. Thayer.

BLUE HILLS AVE. CHAPEL.

The Sunday evening services have been continued during the summer, with Rev. Mr. Knollin as pastor.

An event of unusual interest at the opening of the Sunday-school work, after its summer vacation, was the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Knollin, on the evening of September 14. The attendance included not only the immediate friends of the work and workers from the avenue, but pastors and others who have been interested in the chapel work, from several of the down town churches.

The presence at the reception of the former pastor, Rev. J. M. Davis and Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Clara E. Johnson and daughter, Miss Kate Holcomb, added to the pleasures of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were about to start for Germany, where Mr. Davis will continue his studies; from there they plan to go to Japan as missionaries. This is Mr. Davis' native place, his father and mother having been on the mission field there for many years.

Mrs. Johnson has returned to her home in Northern Pines, N. C.

Miss Holcomb is to spend the year at school in Massachusetts.

The annual picnic for the Sunday-school was given on Saturday, October 1. The children and teachers report a pleasant day at Elizabeth Park.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Mr. Joseph Lindsay is back from Northampton School and is planning to give us the benefit of his experience there.

The Relief Committee, which does valuable work both outside, as well as in the parish, is beginning its work.

The Ladies' Sewing Society met for its first meeting at Mrs. Edwin P. Taylor's home on Friday evening last. The ladies are making articles of clothing for a missionary box, to be sent to a clergyman in the South.

The parish is looking forward to the coming of the new assistant rector, Rev. Frederick H. Danker, who comes to us from St. Paul's church, Erie, Pa., to help the rector in developing the work of our parish.

TOPEKA'S JOINTS.

How They Look Since Blanche Boies and Carrie Nation Set the Pace.

"A peculiar state of things exists in Topeka, Kan.," says a correspondent of a temperance weekly. "It is stated that since the days of Carrie Nation and Blanche Boies the joints no longer indulge in the attractions which have characterized ordinary saloons. In fact, the jointists are having rather a hard time of it.

"Afraid to conduct their business openly, they have resorted to heavy doors with innumerable locks and bars, and once inside this barricade the 'visitor' meets a scene of desolation and unattractiveness—a plain pine board bar and cheap whisky and beer, which are kept cautiously in the alley or a neighboring cellar. There isn't 'enough whisky in sight,' remarks the Topeka Capital, 'to cure a cold.'"

A Drink Recipe.

A Dodge City (Ia.) boot legger admits that he made most of the stuff he sold as whisky. His formula was: One gallon of alcohol, two gallons of water, one pound of prunes, half a pound of tobacco and an ounce of glycerin. Boil the prunes and squeeze the juice out and the same with the tobacco and thoroughly mix. "This," he says proudly, "makes a fine drink and is warranted to do the work." He used to keep it in kerosene cans to avoid suspicion.

A Railroad Reform.

With a view to promoting temperance among all grades of employees, the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroads have cut off the appropriation heretofore granted for "wine feasts" among traveling, district and general agents. This reform is in line with the general rules against intoxicants that are now enforced on almost all railroads.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The work for the season 1904-5, commenced September 1. Each department has opened up with considerable interest. The Association is experiencing the usual difficulties that all organizations of this character meet with during a presidential campaign, but notwithstanding this, the evening educational classes, the gymnasium classes and the Bible classes have all opened with an encouraging attendance in each case. The Sunday afternoon meetings for men, for the season, began September 18. They continue at the Association building in Jewell Hall until October 23. On Sunday, October 30, they will be resumed at the Hartford Opera House. The speaker on that day will be Rev. Dr. Grant, the well-known Baptist orator. The list of speakers for this winter will be up to the standard of former years and in some respects will surpass that of last year.

The work of the Boys' Department, under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Page, the new Secretary, is being well organized and is going forward with considerable enthusiasm. This is especially marked in the large numbers of boys who are entering the graded gymnasium classes for physical culture. The reorganization of the Berean Bible Study Club has been most successful. There are 60 boys now being enrolled between the ages of 12 and 15 years. The classes meet on Friday evening. All the boys take tea together at 6 o'clock, each boy paying five cents for the same. The study hour is from 6.30 to 7.15. They are divided into class groups of ten boys each. The course of study is entitled "Progressive Bible Studies," the aim being to give the boy a knowledge and grasp of the entire Bible and to familiarize him with it and encourage him in the daily reading of it. The Sunday meetings for boys are conducted at 3 p. m., in the Association building.

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

The first attraction in the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course was given in Foot Guard Hall, Tuesday evening, October 18, and was a decided success. The Campanari Company furnished a high class musical entertainment, and a large audience thoroughly enjoyed it.

The remaining dates and attractions are as follows:

Monday, October 31. Roland Dwight Grant, A. M., D. D., in his wonderful word picture, "With Mich-

ael Angelo in Rome," illustrated by stereopticon.

Tuesday, November 22. The Royal Entertainers, G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, in their incomparable "Protean Entertainment," a program full of vivacity, fun, grace, and refinement.

Monday, December 12. A great illustrated entertainment, entitled, "A Day and Night with Our Life Savers," presented by Mr. J. E. Comerford. The noted Kinetograph moving pictures will be used.

Wednesday, December 21. Carmen's Italian Boys and Elbert Foland, humorist. Seven artists. A novel entertainment.

Wednesday, February 1. The Floyds' unique entertainers. Floyd, sleight of hand and illusions. Mohola, second sight and memory tests.

Wednesday, February 15. The Colonial Orchestral Club of Boston, with Maude Fowler, reader. This entertainment will appeal especially to lovers of good music.

Monday, March 6. Prof. John B. De Motte, the brilliant and scholarly lecturer, on "Python Eggs and the American Boy." Beautifully illustrated by stereopticon.

Wednesday, April 5. The Whitney Brothers' Quartette, one of the leading quartettes of the day. Mr. Edward M. Whitney is the reader.

For prices and tickets for the remainder of the course, or for separate entertainments, application should be made to the Y. M. C. A.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

On the approach of colder weather the actual fall and winter work has commenced in earnest. Applications for work in our wood yard are constant, and by the exceedingly large sales, we have been able to keep up with all applications. Friends should not forget that we can supply them with wood of all kinds and sizes as low as they can buy elsewhere and they are thus enabled to help on the work of caring for the unfortunate, without any real expense to themselves. We are in need of clothing of all kinds for men, women and children, and trust our friends will not forget us in this respect.

The meetings are fast filling up and those who come will doubtless experience much good from the practical addresses given. Rev. Mr. Goodwin takes the Wednesday evening meetings and Mr. S. W. Raymond, who has been acting superintendent for some months, the Sunday and Monday night meetings. Rev. Mr. Facon, who has always taken a warm interest in our work, visits us often and is always warmly welcomed. Every department of the work is progressing and shows an acceptable and gratifying increase from year to year. The committee of the Open Hearth is composed of warm-hearted, practical men and their interest has never flagged. To Dr. C. D. Alton and the others on the committee is due the fact that the Open Hearth, from small beginnings, has attained its present strength and usefulness and commends itself to the favor of our citizens.

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CONCERNING CREEDS.

A creed is made, not born—that is, it is gotten together, as a rule, by a slow process of reasoning out religious doctrines and several generations are required to give it proper standing and permanence. For the member, and particularly a clergyman, of any well established religious body to express opinions, or belief, contrary to its creed, was formerly, and even today, is largely considered a matter for censure on the ground of heresy.

Yet as a creed is man made, why should it not be altered by men, as times and conditions change?

Scientists do not accept the theories advanced even the year before, if new discovery demonstrates they were erroneous. Business men are quick to adopt new methods and new schemes as they develop in the course of trade. In education, a grammar

school course today takes us considerably beyond the "three Rs," of a few generations ago.

A creed, truly, is not a matter to be lightly cast aside. It is not to be "blue-penciled" here today and interlined there tomorrow. It should possess a degree of permanence, and command a respect, as we make it the standard for our faith. It is doubtless the result of the prayerful, intellectual reasoning of godly men. By it, men and women for generations have lived holy lives and died with unflinching confidence in its infallibility.

Yet the fact remains that—man made, it may be altered by men, and that without sin.

And herein, perhaps, lies a strong hope for a closer unity of all Christian denominations. In matters fundamental, these creeds are not greatly diverse. In matters of lesser consequence the Christian churches seem to be laying less stress. If the time comes when our creeds shall consist entirely of what we call the fundamental Christian doctrines, and we are willing to waive our differences over the rest, then Christian unity will seem almost an accomplished fact.

"BETHINK YOURSELVES."

Messrs. Ginn & Company of Boston have published in pamphlet form for the International Union the powerful manifesto on the Russo-Japanese war lately issued in Russia by Count Tolstoi. The impression which this utterance of Tolstoi's has made in Europe and throughout Christendom is profound. One of our own critics has written of it in the following strong words:

"In the vast prison known as Russia there is but one free man—Count Lyof Tolstoi. Out of the cloud of darkness hovering over that prison shines but one star—the genius of Tolstoi. Like one of the great old prophets of Judea, he—a mere writer of novels, and plays, and pamphlets—towers above princes and ministers, and he speaks down as from a supermundane elevation even when addressing the Czar himself, who to him, raised beyond worldly fears and desires, is only 'an unfortunate, entangled young man.' Taking for his text the warning of Christ, 'Bethink yourselves!' he directs a heart-stirring cry, first to his own countrymen and then to the rest of mankind, to open their eyes to the folly, as well as the criminality, of all war. If this appeal had been the work of any other Russian subject, it would probably have cost its author freedom, if not

life. But Tolstoi has grown too great for punishment. A blow struck at the venerable seer would hurt the government more than anything else, inside its own borders as well as outside of them."

It was first published in English in the London "Times," occupying almost two full pages of the great London newspaper. It is sold for ten cents, and the friends of peace will certainly scatter it broadcast.

ALTRUISM.

Much is being said in these times about "altruism," as if it were an independent system, a new discovery, while in reality, as some one has said, "it is but a cutting from the Christian plant." Altruism means "other-ism." Translated into more familiar terms it is, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." This is the essence of the Savior's Golden Rule. There is no hope for any abiding life apart from its Christian root. Altruism without Christ is a Christian afterglow. It is to say, "Cut down the tree; all we want is the shadow"; or, "I do not need the sun, the twilight is sufficient for me." Christ alone is the power of God, and the power of a goodness which can realize and sustain itself in service or sacrifice for others.

The appointment of Robert J. Wynne to succeed Henry C. Payne as Postmaster-General is an event of interest. Mr. Wynne, who since 1902 has been First Assistant Postmaster General, is a man without political influence and his promotion comes solely as the reward of merit and particularly as a recognition of the important part he played in the Post-office investigation of last summer. When that investigation began, August W. Machen, afterwards named "Prince of Grafters," the chief mogul of the Postoffice ring, boasted that he would effect Wynne's dismissal in disgrace. A little over a year has passed. Wynne is Postmaster General and Machen is a convicted felon. Such things make for good and honest government. Such recognitions of merit will stand as a landmark to the federal official tempted to yield to the pressure of political influence and to overlook the malfeasance of the subordinate who boasts that he can secure vengeance from partisan sources.

There is no justification of the demand that all religious truth and influence be excluded from the public school. This extreme position is taken by very few school patrons; and

its realization would not only offend nine-tenths of these patrons, but would be unsatisfactory to all. Nothing could more seriously offend the religious instincts and conscience of the American people than the attempt to despoil the literature, the music and other studies of the public school of all religious truth. Moreover, the attempt to exorcise all religious influence from the school would result inevitably in lowering its moral efficiency and in seriously lessening its value to the pupils, to society and the state.

For the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Church of England, has visited this country. He received the attention and honor due his high station in the English Church, and everywhere made favorable impressions as a godly and learned officer in the church — except, perhaps, in the matter of his indorsement of Bishop Potter's Subway Tavern move, and that he probably did not take the time and trouble to fully consider. His purpose in this visit is to study the relations of church and state in America.

The death of United States Senator Hoar is deeply regretted by all friends of woman suffrage, for he was a stalwart friend of the movement. He is one of the last of the great statesmen whose advocacy of woman suffrage lifted it out of the domain of personal and partisan considerations and placed it where it should stand, as a measure of principle demanded by every consideration of justice and a republican form of government.

Preaching by telephone is the latest device employed by ministers to reach absent hearers. The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, has connected his church with a city hospital by means of telephones, and with megaphones strung in front of the pulpit and receivers in the hospital wards, his words are distinctly heard by the patients.

Rally Day seems to have been pretty generally observed among our local churches during the past month, and the fall and winter work is now fairly under way. If there is any decadence in religion, it is not at present manifest in Hartford.

The Christian Endeavor Convention last week at the Park church was a thorough success. Some account of

it is given in our Hartford Christian Endeavor Union department.

Next week comes the State Convention of the W. C. T. U. May the "White Ribboners" enjoy their sojourn here and express their opinion freely regarding our artistic whiskey sign on Exchange corner.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

On the 20th of September a dozen missionaries sailed out of San Francisco for the Orient. They went on the steamship Korea. Some went to Japan and the rest went to China. The missionaries for India sail from New York. The churches around the Bay gave the missionaries a great reception. Suitable addresses were delivered by representatives of the churches and of the missionaries. Refreshments were then served. A large company went with the missionaries to the ship and sang hymns on the dock as the ship started on her long voyage.

The war between Japan and Russia is not interfering with the missionary work that is being done in the Sunrise Kingdom. Some of the Christians are sent to the front, and some of them will fall on the field. Otherwise things are going on about as usual. The Japanese are taking their victories very soberly. There are few demonstrations. The war fever does not seem to have maddened the people. It is believed that the war will result in opening Japan and the whole East as never before to the gospel of God's grace. The Japanese are grateful for the sympathies of all English-speaking peoples.

A GROWING INSTITUTION.

The Hartford Conservatory of Music, established six years ago by W. V. Abell, its present director, is an educational institution well deserving the patronage and support of our most intelligent music loving public. Several years ago it seemed necessary for students of music in this vicinity to go to the large cities for a musical education. The Hartford Conservatory now provides instruction with some of the very best artist instructors to be found in New York or Boston. There are more than twenty teachers in the different departments. These gave instruction to about three hundred pupils the past year. W. V. Abell, director, hopes to increase that number to five hundred for the coming year. Assistant instructors are being fitted to

teach in every city and town near Hartford and several are already well established under the direct supervision of the Hartford Conservatory management.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Young man (to interrupting father) -- Beware, sir, how you order me not to see your daughter again. I belong to the Lovers' Union, and one word from me will boycott her.

Under the management of Mr. W. A. Frost, "Ye Golden Grill" has come to be one of the leading restaurants in Hartford. The schedule of prices is on a scale to satisfy those desiring an economical meal, and a high class dinner is served at a moderate price. The cooking is beyond reproach, the service reasonably prompt and always courteous, the dining room attractive in appearance and easy of access. The advertisement of "Ye Golden Grill" appears on our second page.

Host: Why did you kick my dog? He only sniffed at you.

Visitor: Well, you didn't expect me to wait till he tasted me, did you?

A unique feature of the evening sessions at the Morse Business College is that every student is taught privately. There is an abundance of excellent teachers and one of them sits right down beside you and carefully and thoroughly explains every step of the work.

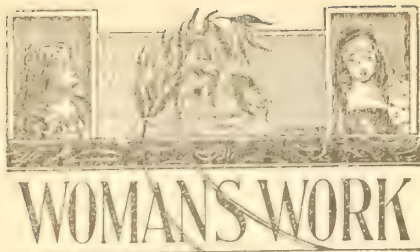
The steamers "Hartford" and "Middletown" will leave the State street wharf, for the balance of the season, at 4 p. m., instead of 5 p. m., as heretofore. The steamers will continue to leave New York at 5 p. m.

HE GOT ON THE TEAM.

The son of a farmer, who had gone to college, wrote a letter home, telling of his various exploits. The one given below, as told in the "Christian World," brought joy and happiness to the hearts of his parents:

"He says," said Aunt Martha, wiping a tear from her eyes, "he says that the happiest minute of his life was when he got on the team."

"Plagued if I don't recollect it as plain as if it was yesterday," responded Uncle Silas. "It was in the fur field, an' he was jist a bare-footed little tad, an' I lifted him up an' put him on old Kate's back after the day's plowing was done. He can't fergit the old farm, Marthy, he can't fergit the old farm."



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

At the meeting of the Union of October 11, the following superintendents were appointed for the year: literature, Mrs. F. J. Benedict; press, Mrs. M. A. West; foreign literature, Mrs. J. H. Spencer; anti-narcotics, Mrs. A. S. Cressey; "Union Signal" and "White Ribbon Banner," Mrs. H. K. Lee; legislative work, Mrs. C. B. Power; scientific temperance instruction, Mrs. Power; flower mission, Mr. George E. Crosby.

Reports of committees were given in regard to the State Convention to be held October 25, 26 and 27, in Fourth Congregational church. Preparations are being made to entertain a large delegation at that time.

THE SHELTER.

A friendly hand and a word of cheer offered in the name of the Master are mighty forces in lifting up those who have been cast down. It is this work of love for unfortunate, homeless or friendless women that the "Shelter" seeks to do, and in a city like Hartford there are many opportunities. More than seventy-five women have been helped in different ways during the past summer. Some have come in great need and have remained for several weeks, while others required only temporary aid and passed on to earn their living or returned to home and friends. All who come to the Shelter are pointed to the unfailing Friend whose help they so sorely need. A large number of girls and women are now taking care of themselves and living true and earnest lives. To a number of our girls the "Shelter" is "home," and thither they come as often as possible, seeking friendly advice and counsel or bringing some gift, the offering of a grateful heart.

During the past twelve years, the Shelter has been under its present management and hundreds have received a touch of human sympathy and needed aid and have passed on to face the stern problems of life, often with courage, but we trust with more resolute hearts and a stronger faith in the all-loving Father.

The annual reception to the public by the ladies of the committee, will be given Thursday afternoon, November 1, from three to six. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in this work.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held recently at the Y. M. C. A. The day was an abiding one for the purpose, the attendance was very large. Addresses were given by the president and secretary and others, and reports of officers for the year were read, after which lunch was served in the new Virginia T.

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Smith Home. All felt well repaid for their attendance at the meeting as it proved a most enjoyable occasion throughout.

The Hartford Branch of the Society will hold a fair, November 10 and 11, at Jewell Hall, Y. M. C. A. The management asks contributions of articles suitable for sale at the fair, as well as contributions of money.

For the W. C. T. U. Convention an interesting program has been prepared and it is believed that there will be a full attendance. Rev. Anna Shaw and Mrs. Louise Rounds are to be the speakers for the evening meetings.

The Good Samaritans held an interesting meeting on September 24, at which tea was served and an informal reception tendered the State Secretary. An offering for the Flower Fund was received.

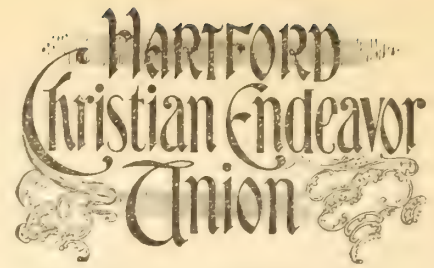
The International Sunshine Society (Connecticut Division) held its third annual State Day, September 28, in Jewell Hall, Y. M. C. A. There were addresses by Mayor Henney of Hartford, by Mrs. John D. Tucker, Mrs. Andrews and by the President General of the Society, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden.

Mrs. Sluyter of the Union for Home Work has been recovering slowly from the painful injury she sustained some time ago and is now out of town for a few weeks rest and recuperation.

A convention of the Connecticut Branch of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons was held at New Haven, in the Dwight Place church, on October 13 and 14. At the four meetings held, there were many interesting addresses, notably one by Mrs. Margaret Bottome.

The Woman's Temple Trustees have a scheme by which they expect to make a great deal of money for the payment of the Temple bonds and distribute at the same time an article well worth the money. Write to Temple Trustee, 1117 the Temple, Chicago, Illinois, and find out all about "Wiggle Sticks." This arrangement makes it possible for everybody to help save the Temple as a monument to Frances Willard. To save the Temple will reflect honor on all women as well as on the W. C. T. U., which was its original sponsor.

"Seeing is believing." Ah, turn it about the other way: "Believing is seeing." Jesus Christ will reveal Himself to that "inner eye which is the bliss of solitude," and the joy of the Christian life will reveal Himself to that inward eye so clearly, so closely, so certainly as there will be no room left for doubt.—Alex. Mac Laren, D. D.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The State Christian Endeavor Convention has come and gone and we trust that the Hartford Union has derived much benefit and a zeal to press forward and work with fervor this winter as never before.

In the words of many delegates whom it was the pleasure of the committee to meet, all said it was one grand sweet song. Space would not permit of an extended article on this very successful convention, but the services of Friday evening and the sermon and consecration service on Sunday, lifted us all to the higher and nobler life. May our energies be put forth with a will to work for Christ and the Church whithersoever He may call us to labor.

The reception tendered the visiting delegates on Friday evening, at the close of the service, was pleasantly carried out and from appearances all seemed pleased with the affair.

The presence of Mr. Shaw, treasurer of the United Society at Boston, lent an additional charm to the convention. All were warm in praise of him for his earnest appeal to do more and better work for Christ and the Church.

The reception committee of the Hartford Union consisted of Dr. Russell T. Hall, now ex-State President, Albert H. Brooks, Mrs. William W. Ranney and Miss Grace D. Thayer, who extended a cordial welcome.

The annual meeting of the Hartford C. E. Union will be held during this month, but there will probably be nothing more attempted other than a purely business session for hearing of reports and election of officers. The date and place will be announced through the regular channels.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Endeavorers of Hartford Union:

My dear friends:

Since my last letter, the State Endeavor Union has had its Convention, as many of you know by having attended the meetings.

It was a great success in all ways. The meetings were addressed by capable and energetic men and women identified with Endeavor work very closely. They certainly gave us many helpful suggestions that should be applied to the needs of our societies. I wish that every Endeavorer had been there to hear Secretary Shaw of the United Societies. Those who enjoyed that privilege are certainly equipped with an inspiration that will bring about good work for our Endeavor movement through the coming season.

Let every one put his, or her,

"shoulder to the wheel," and when our Spring Meeting comes we will hold a "Compare Results" meeting that will do us all much good.

In your meetings aim to get every active member to **stand up** and say something. Do not commit the error of trying, or allowing any one, to take too much time; make all remarks short and to the point and have many of them.

Keep your meetings from being "dull and prosey," a condition that destroys interest. There is always one remedy for a meeting that "drags"—begin singing. Some one will be ready to do their part right after a good song,—it wakes them up and gives courage to many.

In all that we do let us remember that it is for "Christ and the Church," and keep doing.

Yours in Endeavor work,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 23.

Topic.—How can we enlarge and improve our work?—Matt. xxi, 17-22; Isa. liv, 2.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

The topic emphasizes the fact that we have a work. We could not enlarge and improve it unless we had. And for every Christian there is a work. "To every man his work." We have not only the personal work of life incidental to our existence in a world like the one in which we live, but a much larger life and work—a work for God, for the church of Christ and for humanity.

No matter how well we may have done our religious work or in what improved condition it may be, it may be enlarged. No human effort ever reaches a point so near perfection that it is impossible of improvement. Therefore the commands of God have ever been for advancement. To the ancient children of Israel He said, "Go forward!" In the time of Solomon the proverb was given, "Let thine eyes look right on." The church in Isaiah's day was commanded: "Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch for the curtains of thine habitations. Spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." The last command of Christ to His disciples was, "Go ye throughout the world. * * * And, lo, I am with you always." Under these repeated inspiring commands we should make every effort to enlarge and improve our work. It is the opening of the busy season of Christ's church. In the fall every church and society should begin a well thought out campaign and, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," pursue it until success crowns the labors put forth.

What we have is not to be lightly esteemed or cast aside. No new site for the tent was to be selected, but that space enlarged. The same curtains were to be used, only enlarged and stretched over the wider space. Cords were to be lengthened and stakes

strengthened. On the basis of what we have, if it be the true foundation, which is Christ Himself, we should all strive to enlarge and improve.

1. Enlargement. What Christian Endeavor society is there that cannot enlarge? In every place of meeting there must be some space that could be occupied by additional numbers, or, if not, there must be new space that can be added to that already in use. Who will make this increased space necessary by bringing new members into the society? In this work every one should have a part.

2. Improvement. Enlargement without improvement is of no avail. Numbers without spiritual graces and qualifications are in vain in God's work. "It is not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord." "Paul may plant, Apollos water, but God only can give the increase." The Endeavor tent at the Denver convention blew down. The tent was too large and heavy for the poles and cords that supported it. Let it not be so in our societies. Let us enlarge in personal piety, in numbers, in labor, but let us also improve. Let us prove our professions by our performances. The fig tree puts forth its fruit before its leaves. A tree with leaves upon it should therefore have had fruit. The one in the topic had the leaves, but not the fruit. It was a false professor and hence its spiritual significance to the Jesus and to us. Let us be workers, not idlers, in the vineyard of the Lord. Let us bring forth fruit and not simply leaves. By faith and prayer and fasting let us enlarge and improve ourselves, our society, our church and the church universal.

BIBLE READINGS.

Neh. iv, 1-9; Eccl. ix, 10; Zech. iv, 1-6; Mal. iii, 8-12; Matt. x, 1-8; xxvii, 16-20; I Cor. x, 31; xv, 58; Gal. vi, 1-10; Rev. xxii, 17.

The Ends of the Earth.

A contribution of \$5 for the World's Christian Endeavor union from the Christian Endeavor society in Douglas, Alaska, shows how the ends of the earth are brought together in one blessed fellowship. During the past few weeks contributions for the advancement of worldwide Christian Endeavor have also been received from Australia and China as well as from many parts of our own land. Have you had a part in this great work? If not, why not send an offering to the World's Christian Endeavor union, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., and so have a share in the blessing?—Christian Endeavor World.

Endeavor in West Africa.

Among the native Christians in missionary lands Christian Endeavor is doing a noble work. It is proving a splendid means of educating new converts for service. One example of its practical results comes from Shaingay, West Africa. The young men of that society set out, two by two, to preach the gospel through the whole of their district, a region 40 by 70

miles in extent. They held 238 services and reached 4,572 hearers, and all without a cent of expense.—Roll Call (Australia).

Amid Turkish Oppression.

Turkey has seventy-five societies, in spite of Turkish oppression, which will not allow constitutions to be signed, badges to be worn, or even the word "society" to be used. The Caesarea society was obliged at one time to burn its records.

An Invalid's Thought.

God's rainbows show no lovelier tints
Than those on bud and bloom
That came to me one gracious day
And glorified my room.

All day I thought, and smiled to think,
How sweet the soul must be
That looked out through the donor's eyes
And chose those tints for me.

—Churchman.

From Dr. Cuyler's Successor.

There's room for somebody to work
Whenever there is somebody willing to work.

There's nothing so fine as a man who is good, but there is nothing sadder than a man who is good for nothing. The same is true of a movement.

If this convention should lead the people of this city simply to care that they are not saved, that would be enough for it all.

Do not let the fear of making mistakes keep you from trying. People who don't make mistakes don't make anything else.—Rev. Dr. Cleland B. Afee in New York State Endeavor Convention.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 30.

Topic.—How giving reacts upon me.—Prov. iii, 9, 10; II Cor. ix, 6-11.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Action always produces reaction. A ball thrown against a solid wall will rebound. This principle is universally true in nature, so that in mathematics we have the axiom, "Action and reaction are always equal." This principle, practically defined, means that results are measured by effort. The power with which the ball makes its backward bound depends entirely upon the force with which it is thrown against the wall. In other words, we get what we give and in proportion as we give it. It is only the magician who can put nothing into a hat and yet bring out an egg or a silver dollar, and he really does not do so; he only seems to do so. Many men think that in life they are shrewd enough to get something for nothing, but they will awake some day and find that it was only a dream and is now a shattered dream. Men may follow illusions for awhile and find them satisfactory, but the dreamer must sometimes awaken, and how rude and depressing that awakening usually is!

This principle is particularly applicable to the subject of giving—giving money to the Lord's cause in the work. Giving always reacts upon the giver, and the character of the giving always determines the character of the reac-

tion. If we give liberally, joyously and willingly, the reaction is always for good. Our souls are fortified against one of the most repulsive forms of selfishness—miserliness. Who more contemptible than the miser? And yet he has brought himself to that condition by failure to respond to the demands of giving upon him. The rich and those who are growing rich should be most liberal givers. Giving is their only salvation from a niggardly miserliness that will make them despised by their fellow men and even by the most high God. Moreover, giving enlarges the soul and sympathy of the giver. The soul of the liberal giver expands instead of contracting; it is broadened rather than narrowed. The man who gives liberally to missions is the one most interested in the work of missions; the one who gives of his money that the poor and infirm may be cared for has his sympathies broadened toward those whom he helps. Giving also uplifts the soul of the giver. God gave His best gift for the human race, and the man who gives abundantly, systematically and cheerfully becomes more and more like God.

The promises of God, as well as the laws of nature, prove the beneficent results of reaction in giving. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruit of all thine increase; so shall thy farms be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. xxviii, 20-22; Deut. 16, 17; Ps. xxxvii, 21; Mal. iii, 8-12; Matt. x, 1-8; Luke vi, 38; John iii, 16; Acts xx, 35; I Cor. xvi, 1, 2; II Cor. viii, 1-15.

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Few men would travel around the world in the interest of a movement and pay the major part of the expenses of the trip by the use of their pen; fewer men could. And yet this is what Dr.

Clark did in his recent journey. The world admires his spirit the more when it remembers that he wrote nearly every line at a time when he ought to have been resting for his next day's convention labors.

A California Worker.

J. E. White, the retiring president of the California State union, an attorney of San Francisco, has given a wonderful year of service. In the interests of state work he has traveled 9,700 miles, more than three times the distance between San Francisco and New York; has written 980 personal letters, delivered more than 80 addresses, and the total expenses of his office to the state union were \$83.35.

Prayer Meeting Topic for the Week Beginning Nov. 8.

Topic.—Some of God's promises that cheer me.—II Pet. i, 1-4. (A promise meeting.)

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

The promises of God as given in His word appeal in some way to almost all His people, yet there are promises that are especially precious to particular people or at particular times. One of the most precious facts concerning the promises of God is their number—over 30,000—and with the number their variety. Peter has well called them "exceeding great and precious promises." They are not few in numbers and limited to a small number of people, but like the sands of the sea for multitude and capable of being applied to every phase and condition in human life. The sinner mourning over his sin may read the precious promise, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." The child of God passing through the deep waters of affliction can hear God say, "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee, and when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned." To the sin burdened and care worn comes the Master's precious promise, "Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." To the Marys and Marthas there is the promise, "Thy brother shall live again;" to the lonely, "So I am with thee always," and to the dying, "In my father's house are many mansions," and "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Thus it might be continued almost without end. No situation of sin or sorrow or adversity can be found in life but what there is a promise in the word of God to cheer the one passing through it.

We should, as the children of God, lean more absolutely upon the promises of God than we do. They are "exceeding great and precious," and yet while we know them and can repeat numbers of them from memory we do not always lean upon them in the hour of need. We have the promise that "all

things work together for good to them that love God," and yet when adversity comes to many who profess to love God, instead of accepting this truth they have their faith shaken in God and in His promises. No wonder therefore that they do not cheer and comfort us. But such an attitude toward God's promises is a miserably false one. If we faced bankruptcy and our earthly father who was immensely rich had said to us, "If you get into financial difficulty draw on me," we would not spend sleepless nights worrying and wondering if we had an earthly father and if he really would do what he said. If wise children we would take him at his word, and then, by increased love and honor toward him, repay him for his help. Let us trust God in the same way. Let us take Him at His word to us. Let us, as His children, accept His promises in the hour of need, and then to repay Him let us love Him more and consecrate our lives more entirely to Him. He cannot fail us, for "He is faithful that promised."

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. iii, 15; Isa. 1, 18; xxxv, 6, 7; liii, 1-3; Mal. iii, 10; Matt. vii, 7-10; xi, 28; xxviii, 16-20; Heb. x, 23-25; Rev. ii, 8-10.

Interviewing Dr. Clark.

Just after Dr. Clark touched English shores, completing a voyage from South Africa, he was interviewed for the Christian World of London. Some things he said are of wide significance. When the reporter asked him, "You have found no signs of decay, no instances of failure?" he replied:

"No signs of decay, but everywhere tokens of present increase and future promise. Here and there, but not very often, I have heard of societies that have fallen off or dropped out, but these have been comparatively few. And I have had opportunities of comparison. Twelve years ago, when I first visited Adelaide, there were five Junior societies. Now South Australia has 160. When I first went to Victoria there were six societies there; on this last visit I was told of 230. And the unions, made up of many societies, grow and prosper. Nearly all are doing splendid work. Only in one union did I find anything like sagging, but I am convinced that that was only temporary and that the union in question has already entered on an area of progress. As a matter of fact, it has taken up the increase campaign.

"Some of my most interesting experiences were in South Africa. Of course there have been somewhat strained relations since the war, and there are now two unions—the Dutch and the British. But there are two Boers on the South African executive committee, and at a meeting in the great hall of Adderley Street Reformed church, Cape Town, there were duplicate mottoes in English and Dutch and the hymns and prayers were in the two languages. Friendliness cannot be forced, but Christian Endeavor is one of the influences that make for unity."

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Rally Day exercises were held in the Sunday-school, Sunday, October 9. A very interesting program was carried out with an address by Mr. Lester L. Potter.

At the morning service, October 9, the anniversary exercises of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were held, with an address on Japan by Miss Mary A. Danforth. At the evening service, there was a symposium of five-minute addresses on "The Church: Its Work and Workers," by nine speakers, representing the different departments of church work.

A party of about 48, members of the Epworth League and friends, enjoyed a straw ride to Bloomfield, Friday evening, October 14, where a number from the North M. E. church joined them, and a fine supper was served at the Methodist church there. A most enjoyable time was had.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday evening, September 17, our pastor held a conference for our church work during the coming fall and winter.

September 20, the Ladies' Sewing Society held its regular monthly meeting. A barrel was packed with bedding, linen, underclothes and wearing apparel for a home missionary in Algy, Ala. It was voted at that meeting, that the Church Aid Society and the Ladies' Sewing Society should combine and hold meetings the first and third Friday afternoons and a ten-cent supper should be given every month.

September 30, the Young Ladies' Missionary Society held its regular meeting. During the coming year Japan, as outlined in "Dux Christus," is to be studied.

Deacon Stanley Welles and Rev. Herbert Macy attended the installation of Dr. O. Davis in the South Congregational church, New Britain.

Mr. George Cowles, of South Africa, gave a stereopticon lecture September 25 in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Rease of Plantsville exchanged pulpits with our pastor October 9.

Letters of dismission were granted to Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsay to the church in Windsor.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The H. I. E. Circle of King's Daughters, numbering over fifty members has been reorganized into a Chapter with one object in view of providing a comfortable, congenial, Christian home for the aged members of the Protestant churches who need help and care. A small start has already been made and an amount deposited which it is earnestly hoped will increase until a sum is raised which will be sufficient to undertake such a work.

Our Mothers' Meetings opened again September 14, with a devotional meeting led by Mrs. Glazier and, though the weather was unpleasant, the attendance was gratifying.

On Tuesday evening, October 11, a reception was tendered the pastor and

Mrs. Pattison by the church, in the chapel, from 8 to 10 o'clock. The Beeman & Hatch orchestra furnished music. Refreshments were served and the evening was enjoyed by the large number present.

Rally Day in the Sunday-school was observed October 9, with a very large number in attendance.

The quarterly meeting of the Young People's Association was held on Tuesday evening, September 27. After an excellent supper the business meeting was held, at which it was voted to purchase new hymn books and to make some changes in the publication of our paper, the "First Baptist Monthly."

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Miss Mabel Smith of New Haven gave an interesting address at a recent meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., upon her impressions of the Silver Bay Conference, especially in those which had special reference to missions in Japan.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor held its first meeting on Tuesday afternoon, September 27, with Miss Deming in charge.

The resignation of Mr. Myrton T. Smith, as superintendent of our Sunday-school, has been accepted with regret, as his services have been of inestimable value. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where Mr. Smith enters a new business field.

The Dorcas Society held its first supper of the season on Wednesday evening, September 20. There was a large attendance and an excellent supper was served.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

A very pretty wedding took place at the church on September 24, when Mr. Richard Huntington and Miss Mildred Broadhurst were united in marriage by our pastor.

On October 19 Mr. Bryant and Miss Angie Mitton were married at the church.

A class for Bible study has been started. The special study is on "Great Christian Truths" as outlined in the "Christian Culture Course" of the Baptist Young People's Union of America. It promises to be a most interesting study.

A Junior meeting is held every Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. These meetings are in charge of our pastor.

Still another of our young people has been called away, Mrs. Fred Taylor, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Purinton. She passed away on October 1, after quite a long illness. She was a young woman of sweet Christian character and beloved by a large circle of friends.

UNITY CHURCH.

The church and Sunday-school resumed services on September 25.

On October 2, Rev. Mr. Waite delivered a sermon on "The Future of War," which was a description and criticism of a book of that name which is said to have influenced the Czar of Russia to call a peace conference at the Hague.

The October social was held on the evening of October 14. Progressive

whist furnished the entertainment and refreshments were served.

On October 12, the Connecticut Valley Conference of Unitarian Churches was held at Holyoke, Mass. Rev. Mr. Waite delivered the address in the morning on "Self-Destructive Elements of Liberalism."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

All departments of our church have begun their work this fall with unusual activity and vigor.

The young people gave a "Penny Social" on the evening of September 16, which was quite a success financially and otherwise. They are now planning a Hallowe'en Social on the last night in October.

The church is planning extensive repairs on its building, all of which will be carried out as soon as the necessary money can be secured.

Anniversary Day will be celebrated in connection with the morning service on the first Sunday in November. It is planned to make this an annual feature of our church life and work.

The Sunday-school is making arrangements for the establishment of a home department in connection with the school.

A new feature of our school is the securing of substitute teachers for the various classes, so that no class will be without care in the necessary absence of the regular teacher.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last Communion two members were received on confession of faith.

Recently, the Rev. J. W. Ballantine, who has several times preached at this church, was in town for a single day. He is now located at Huntington, Mass.

Miss Frieda Roloff, who has served very faithfully as organist, has resigned her position.

The Harvest Supper given by the Ladies' Union, October 11, was a great success. The tables were in gala attire, and were, as usual, bountifully spread and met with liberal patronage.

Monday evening, October 17, the Y. P. S. C. E. had a supper under the auspices of the pastor and the president of the society. The society of Juniors is venturing on the fall campaign with renewed vigor.

The annual meeting of this church will be held Thursday evening, November 3. Preceding the meeting, supper will be served. All members are invited.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Sunday services are held at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday-school is held at 12.15. On Tuesdays, the Girls' Friendly Society meets in the parish house at 7 p. m. On Wednesdays, the St. James' Guild for boys meets at 4 p. m. On Thursdays, the Woman's Missionary Society meets at 2.30 p. m., and the Men's Club at 7.30 p. m. On Friday the choir practices and the Penny-a-Day Society meets at 7.30 p. m. On Saturdays, St. Mary's Guild meets at 2 p. m. All are welcome to these various services.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Vesper Service, at 4 o'clock, commenced Sunday, October 3, with a very carefully prepared service and exceptionally fine music.

This same Sunday was observed as Rally Day in the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society. Miss Mary G. Cone of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, has taken a class in Sunday-school, where the lesson for the week in advance will be studied from the standpoint of the teacher.

The Christian Endeavor Society is improving. Many young people attend the meetings and plans are under consideration for an extension of the active work.

The Convention of the State C. E. Union, held in our church October 7, 8 and 9, was a wonderful help in developing enthusiasm and a knowledge of what Christian Endeavor is doing in all the world.

On Thursday evenings, this season, Mr. Ranney will give a series of talks on "Glimpses of the Christ."

On Thursday, October 20, at 3 p. m., the Young Ladies' Mission Circle met to elect officers and make plans for the season.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The young people's meetings were resumed after the summer vacation, October 2, our pastor, Dr. Parker, leading.

Mr. Youngs of the Theological Seminary, was chosen president in place of Rev. A. D. Leavitt, who resigned on account of taking a pastorate in Willimantic.

The ladies of the Sewing Society are packing a box to be sent to our worker in the south. Any clothing would be thankfully received at the parsonage, No. 47 Buckingham street.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rally Day was observed October 2. The sermon in the morning was for parents and children. General exercises by the Sunday-school took the place of the regular session. The church was decorated with autumn leaves and with a most attractive arrangement of fruit, vegetables and grains. Rev. E. H. Jenkyns, a former pastor, was present and spoke in a helpful way to the children. The attendance was about 175. The collection was sent to a church in Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. E. H. Jenkyns, who was pastor of the church for two years and who now has a parish at Otisfield, Me., together with Mrs. Jenkyns, has been visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. C. Bidwell.

Mr. Brown completed eight years of service with the church September 20. During that time forty-six members have been added to the church, twenty five by letter and twenty one on confession of faith. Many material improvements and changes have been made, such as recarpeting the main auditorium, putting metal ceiling on the lecture room, purchasing a piano, putting in new furnaces in church and parsonage, painting the parsonage, cementing the cellar and making a room for the Yoke Fellows.

The custom of having a roll call and supper at the annual meeting in January has been established.

Two noticeable improvements have been carried out this year by the Village Improvement Association which are praiseworthy in themselves and which have more or less to do with the church. The unsightly triangle of land east of the church, has been converted into an attractive little park. Another thing which has been neglected altogether too long is straightening and cleaning the stones in the Old North cemetery. Few if any burials are made there now, but the cemetery is close to the highway and but a few steps from the church. The sum of \$175 has certainly been well spent.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society has recently forwarded two barrels of clothing, bedding, etc., to a home missionary at Perry, Okl.

The Endeavor Society is gaining slowly in membership. The evening meetings are much better attended and the various committees seem to be rendering more efficient service. A Ghost Party was recently held at the home of Miss E. E. Bidwell, which attracted fifty of the Endeavorers and their friends. Ghosts were admitted for five cents, while the unfortunates who are still in the flesh were charged a dime. Light refreshments were served and it was remarked that the ghosts had as good appetites for coffee and cake as the others.

Mr. Brown attended the installation services for Dr. O. S. Davis at the South Congregational church, New Britain, September 21. It was in that church that Mr. Brown was baptized, which he joined at the age of fifteen, under the pastorate of the late Dr. C. L. Goodell, and where he was ordained to the gospel ministry before going to Brazil as agent for the American Bible Society.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Dr. S. A. Wilson, who, for years, was an active member of our church, passed into rest on the 9th of this month.

Our Bible-school attendance on October 15, was larger than it has been before for a year.

The net proceeds from the food sale, recently held in the parish house, were about \$22.50.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the church will give one of its popular ten-cent teas on Wednesday, October 19, at 5.30. After the supper, the gentlemen will furnish an entertainment. If any one is found not enjoying himself, he is to pay a forfeit of five cents.

Last Tuesday evening, October 11, a series of cottage prayer-meetings was begun, the first one being held at the home of Mr. Abel Barnes. The next one will be held at the home of Mr. Burton Loomis.

The Young People's Society is to study "Pilgrim's Progress" during the fall and winter months, at their Sunday evening meetings, which are held at 6.30 p. m.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the parsonage

on Friday afternoon, October 21. The ladies of the South Park Methodist church, Hartford, will attend this meeting and conduct the exercises.

FIRST METHODIST.

An "Apple Social" was given by the Epworth League at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lane, of Hungerford street, on Wednesday evening, October 12. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Sunday evening, October 16, a Chautauqua Vesper Service was given at the church.

A series of meetings is soon to be held in this city, commencing November 9, at St. Paul's M. E. church. On November 27, they are to be held for two weeks at the First M. E. church in charge of Rev. T. H. Henderson of New York.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church and Sabbath-school are being reduced in numbers by the removal from town of whole families and we are sorry to lose them. Those who remain are working hard in the interest of the church.

An oyster supper was given for the benefit of the church, Friday evening, October 14.

Mr. Connell preaches grand sermons. Would more could hear them.

NORTH METHODIST.

Missionary Sunday and Rally Day were observed together on September 24. There was a pleasant program and the large attendance and interest shown were very encouraging.

Mr. Burton H. Camp has accepted a position to teach in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

The annual election of officers of the Christian Endeavor Society was held September 26. The newly elected officers are as follows: President, Miss Fannie Moshier; vice-president, Miss Grace Harding; secretary and treasurer, Miss Nettie Kitchen; assistant secretary, Miss Lizzie Kitchen; corresponding secretary, Miss Florence Fitch; Union director, Mr. John S. Birden.

The time for the Autumn Carnival is near. Do not forget the dates, - Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25. Supper will be served on Monday and both dinner and supper on Tuesday.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The Woman's Missionary Circle held its first meeting of the season October 7, and arranged to send a barrel of clothing to Miss Owen, at the Mather School in Beaufort, S. C.; also to make their annual collections for foreign missions.

The usual number of delegates were appointed by the church to attend the State Convention held in Norwich, October 17, 18 and 19.

The young men's Bible class resumed its sessions October 16. A gentleman from the Theological Seminary has been secured to teach in place of Mr. Wells, whose resignation is so much to be regretted.

The Junior meetings are well attended.

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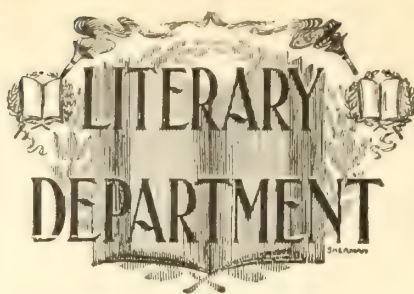
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The October "Century's" war articles will be "The Cossacks," by David B. Macgowan, and a character study of "Togo, the Man and the Admiral," by Adachi Kinnosuke. They are interesting folk these Cossacks, and have had a leading part in the great eviction process of Europe against Asia. It is promised that Adachi Kinnosuke's "Togo, the Man and the Admiral" is an unusually interesting study of an unusually interesting character.

People who like to know how things are done, and of the people who do them, will find a group of very interesting articles in the October number of "The Booklovers Magazine." Joseph M. Rogers explains about "Running a National Campaign in a paper illustrated by some characteristic pictures. Harold Bolce's contribution is on an unusual subject, "The Invasion of the Gold-Ships."

The Illustrated Magazine Number of "The Outlook" for October is a Woman's Number, and presents a long list of articles relating to woman's interests, to the varied occupations of women, and to striking and interesting personalities among women.

John Brisben Walker begins a remarkable story called "A Modern Swiss Family Robinson," in the October number of the "Cosmopolitan Magazine." It is based on the idea of a modern ocean liner with its large and varied aggregation of human-kind being wrecked near a deserted coast. An editorial on "The Liquor Problem" should also command interest and consideration. The number is an excellent one in point of illustration as well as text.

In the October "McClure's," Ida M. Tarbell brings to a conclusion her remarkable "History of the Standard Oil Company." In this series of searching articles Miss Tarbell has performed the labor of a lifetime and fixed her position for all time as an investigator and historian. She has given to fact all the romance and dramatic power of fiction and made the hard details of a gigantic modern business machine as interesting as the moving incidents of a novel. Lincoln Steffen's story of the State of Wisconsin is the story of Governor La Follette. Here is a governor who is really the head of his state. Through him the people have beaten the corrupt system and restored representative government.

The picturesque personality of Thomas W. Lawson is well to the fore in the October issue of "Everybody's Magazine." Not satisfied with the allowance of space given to his "Frenzied Finance" in the body of the magazine, he has burst the bonds of editorial convention and appropriated several pages in the advertising section, part of which he uses to reply to the scores of letters and inquiries which his articles have brought him.

The Life of the Christian. By Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D. Published at The Bookstore, East Northfield, Mass. Price 50 cents.

A book written in the vigorous and forceful style which characterizes all of Dr. Morgan's writings. It does not aim so much at analysis as synthesis; and demonstrates that, after all the centuries during which the life of Christians has been the theme of preachers and writers, there is yet something new and refreshing which can be said concerning it.

Evangelism. By Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D. Published at The Bookstore, East Northfield, Mass. Price 50 cents.

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The Boy Captive of Old Deerfield. By Mary P. Wells Smith. 304 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.25.

The author's respect for the facts of history is indicated by her dedicating this story to the Hon. George Sheldon, the faithful and venerable historian of Deerfield, into whose interesting "den" the present writer was once allowed to intrude, to his great pleasure and gratification.

There is so much of the wonderful and dramatic in the early story of Deerfield, that the author's vivid imagination only accentuates the truth, without exaggerating it. Here she tells of the French attack on Deerfield and there are few young persons who will not find the tale a fascinating one.

The "Young Puritan Series" has been completed and the "Old Deerfield Series" — on the same lines — commences with the present volume. It is illustrated by L. J. Bridgman.

The Brown Fairy Book. By Andrew Lang. 350 pages, 12mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$1.60.

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Science and Immortality. By Dr. Wm. Osler. 54 pages, 16mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price 85 cents.

The author gives an interesting dissertation upon the present-day attitude of scientists toward the belief in immortality.

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The Words of Koheleth. By Professor John F. Genung. 361 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.25.

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The history of the book, its authorship and its interpretation, are discussed from a careful study of it and an acquaintance with widely varying opinions upon it.

Up Through Childhood. By George Allen Hubbell, Ph. D. 303 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.25.

Such a masterly study of the principles of the education and development of the young as this work proves itself to be, deserves wide circulation and consideration.

Dr. Hubbell, who is vice-president of Berea College, has had long and varied experience as a teacher in schools and colleges, and his book, treating as it does, in a sympathetic and practical spirit, of the mental and moral growth of children, should be found very helpful to all thoughtful parents and teachers.

"A Daughter of Dale," by Emerson Gifford Taylor, of this city, has had an excellent sale and has been very favorably commented on by the press. It contains many elements of strength which should assure it a permanent place in the literary world.

Defending the Island. By James Otis. 124 pages, 12mo. Boston: Dana Estes & Co. Price 75 cents.

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The Child at Play. By Clara Murray. 111 pages, 8vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

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Early Hebrew Story. By John P. Peters, D. D. 308 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.25.

The author, whose work has been before mentioned here, has given in this volume a study of the origin, the value, and the historical background of the legends of Israel.

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The Alley Cat's Kitten. By Caroline M. Fuller. 220 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

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Wadsworth, or The Charter Oak. By W. H. Gocher. 399 pages, 12mo. Hartford: W. H. Gocher, Publisher. Price \$2.00.

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Land of Steady Habits." In view of the great progress of a certain branch of agriculture in this State, it is hard to refrain from the facetious suggestion, with all respect to the author, that the work might be as appropriately dedicated to "The Wooden Indian, the Symbol of the Tobacco Trade."

The Little Colonel in Arizona. By Annie Fellows Johnston. 313 pages, 12mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

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Nathalie's Sister. By Anna Chapin Ring. 290 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

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His chapter on Roger Ludlow seems to have been inspired, in substance, by Mr. John M. Taylor, of this city, whose monologue on Ludlow, the result of three years' exhaustive research, was published a few years ago.

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Eight Cousins; or The Aunt Hill. By Louisa M. Alcott. 292 pages, 8vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$2.00.

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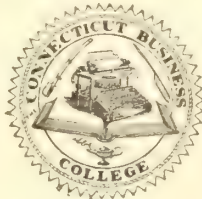
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LIFE AND DEATH.

By Ernest Crosby.

So he died for his faith. That is fine—
More than most of us do.
But stay, can you add to that line
That he lived for it, too?

It is easy to die. Men have died
For a wish or a whim—
From bravado or passion or pride.
Was it harder for him?

But to live: every day to live out
All the truth that he dreamt,
While his friends met his conduct
With doubt,
And the world with contempt—

Was it thus that he plodded ahead,
Never turning aside?
Then we'll talk of the life that he
Led—
Never mind how he died.
—From "Swords and Plowshares."

THANKSGIVING.

By Rev. W. M. Brown.

And, we beseech thee, give us that
due sense of all thy mercies, that our
hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we shew forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our
lives.—Prayerbook.

In a recent number of The Outlook, Clarence Eugene Blake in his article on "Some Backgrounds of English" quotes from a great writer as follows: "There are cases in which more knowledge of more value may be conveyed by the history of a word than by the history of a campaign." And Mr. Blake himself says, "Almost every word that we use has a back-

ground, but it is so hidden by age that it must be brought to light." Surely much profitable and interesting information is to be gained by tracing the history of our royal word "Thanksgiving," even if its background is not much dimmed by age. It requires no expert, however, to tell us that the present significance of the word is a long way from its etymological meaning and that the pronunciation has changed, the accent now being on the penult.

Without doubt it would be greatly wise if we were to be influenced by the fast dimming background which our president and governors must have in mind when they put forth their annual proclamation. One day in the year is none too much to have as its burden the formal and sincere giving of thanks for benefits received. If our forefathers, after less than a year's hard experience with the unresponsive soil and unfriendly climate of New England, could find it in their hearts to devote three days to exercises expressive of their gratitude to Almighty God for the favors with which he had blessed them, certainly we shall not prove ourselves very worthy descendants by forgetting the meaning and intent of the word, and it certainly has a wide, full, generous meaning. It is not a day of fasting but for feasting because the seasons in their order have contributed so lavishly to make that feasting meet and proper. God's bounties may be in some part ornamental but they are largely useful and to be used. The idea is far from being original with us. A most excellent precedent was furnished nearly three centuries ago when those sturdy and conscientious

settlers at Plymouth had for invited guests Massasoit and ninety of his braves. Something was doing at the trenchers then we may be sure. Those original inhabitants might have been puzzled, but not so very highly edified by the prayers and the preaching and the psalms, but they could appreciate the contents of the game bags and knew well the virtue of the five plump deer they had contributed to the feast.

Austerity and piety have, for some inexplicable reason, been considered natural and proper yokefellows. What we know about God's appreciation of gratitude comes entirely from what we know about our own view of thankfulness when we are permitted to bestow a gift or a favor upon some one. And how puzzled we should be if child or friend or neighbor should consider it necessary in order to a proper expression of gratitude to be so very mournful and long faced about it. It may not puzzle God but it can hardly be acceptable to him to have us profess gratitude without heartily and joyfully using his bounties.

And right in this connection a thought presses in that proves a stumbling block to many. Their minds revert so quickly to the all too evident presence of Poverty, Pain and Sorrow in the world. True enough, they are here and everywhere, a trio whose dread reality makes them the bane of existence. The havoc and destruction attributed to the malicious activity of the Furies in the superstitious ages was nothing compared to what is wrought by this trinity in our own prosperous times. But we know very well that it is not to

be placated nor thwarted in its awful work by sacrifices made up of hecatombs or libations. We do know that these dire sisters, like all things else, have a purpose in the world and they have it very definitely and emphatically at Thanksgiving time. They reveal so clearly our utter dependence and afford us the most splendid opportunity for giving distinct and practical expression to our thanks. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these," "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in darkness and the Lord shall satisfy thy soul in drought." It is not the effect upon these hungry and afflicted ones either that seems to be emphasized, but the result upon self—a means furnished for the full manifestation of real gratitude which we ought to utilize and not to win notice and appreciation either.

"And if in thy life on earth,
In the chamber or by the hearth,
'Mid the crowded city's tide,
Or high on the lone hillside,
Thou canst cause a thought of peace,
Or an aching thought to cease,
Or a gleam of joy to burst
On a soul in sadness nursed.
Spare not thy hand, my child:—
Though the gladdened should never
know
The well spring, amid the wild,
Whence the waters of blessing flow."

For many, Thanksgiving day is full of happy and delightful associations. We go back in memory to the family gatherings and live over again those blessed reunions which we can never actually repeat on earth. If we are in good spiritual and physical health we shall fall into no mournful and regretful mood, rather be constrained to add one more to the ever increasing number of our blessings.

For what has come into our lives through the toil, sacrifice, love and thoughtfulness of others, we shall be duly thankful. For the inspiration and uplift and example that make tasks easier and duties delightful we shall be duly thankful. For wider vision for profounder knowledge for higher achievement, for more exalted standards and ideals we shall be duly thankful. And these things come in part because we are remembering the occasions for joy and mirth and gratitude around the hearthstones and bountifully laden tables of grandparents, who have been strong in faith, positive in belief, righteous in conduct, patient in adversity. Dr. Chalmers' expulsive power of a new affection has wrought no more for upbuilding in this world than the

blessed memory of old affections girding men and women for the new difficulties and burdens of life.

Then Thanksgiving day may do much toward fixing the habit of gratitude. We are ungrateful because we are too hurried and too eager and too careless to think of the true value of all we receive. If we are halted once in the year by formal proclamation and asked to pause long enough to take account, even superficially, of "the benefits Almighty God has conferred upon us as individuals and as a nation" we shall be much more likely to find a feeling of gratitude running through all the year. We shall have at least the desire to correct in some measure the besetting fault of being discontented because we do not possess more things. To learn to appreciate what is vouchsafed to us will help much toward the simpler life from which fretful wearing eagerness will be eliminated.

But it is not to be expected that these things will ensue if Thanksgiving is thought of and anticipated only as a holiday.

Christmas is our religious festival; July fourth is our patriotic festival; Thanksgiving is the home and family festival. As Mr. Blake makes clear what has happened in so many instances where words have had their real meaning buried, so it is to be feared that the process of obscuring the true intent of these great and essential festivals is going on all too rapidly. Concerning this it is safe to infer that the Apostle James would also have written, "Brethren these things ought not so to be."

Self sufficiency is a plant of so vigorous growth that it needs no fostering care. It is this that makes us forgetful and ungrateful. It is this that makes us ready to congratulate ourselves for having provided so comfortably and satisfyingly for our thanksgiving feast. It is this that makes the sincere and earnest words of president and governor to be less heeded than sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

A day intentionally and distinctly devoted to expressions of joy and gladness, to the renewing of friendships, to the revisiting childhood's scenes, to the recounting of mercies, to the living over again the sacred

hours that have left their permanent impress upon us, is surely not a day for dissipating sport or weak and silly amusement. It should be a day to disprove all charge of ingratitude; a day to put on a level with material blessings, which sometimes do appeal to us, the rich benefits of thought and culture, the gifts of heart and strength to do and to be, the opportunities to use ourselves and what we have for others. In fact a red-letter day in the calendar, making us better because we recognize that our spirits have been finely touched for fine issues. Yes, indeed, a day of grateful reminiscence, of joyful anticipation; a day of heart expansion that means a more complete belief in the brotherhood of the race as well as a knitting together of family ties; a day for summing up and putting correct estimate upon all the mercies and favors so ceaselessly flowing in upon us that we may be constrained to worship with unfeigned sincerity the Giver of all and to repeat with the saintly Herrick

"All these and better Thou dost send
Me, to this end
That I should render for my part
A Thankful heart."

Bloomfield, Conn.

BY THE WATERS OF SAINT
JOHN.

By Samuel Emery.

"What joy to dwell in Carcassonne,
Ah! might I but see Carcassonne."

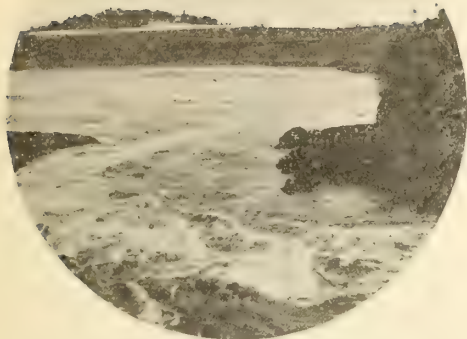
One who approaches the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, from the sea, observes while still far outside of the harbor, a stream of brown, turbid water, its outlines clearly distinguishable against the deep blue of the Bay of Fundy. Noting this, the tourist, if he be a man of honor, will feel like apologizing to Charles C. D. Roberts, for doubting the statement in his excellent little guide book that: "Far out—the distance varying according to the state of the tide—a line of foam and floating debris is met which marks the current of the great Saint John river."

This ribbon of tan-bark brown, laced and streaked across with lines of foam, seldom fails to whet the tourist's curiosity to see those "reversing falls" which the guide book guarantees to fall up hill twice a day.

There is something uncanny about the attraction these falls have for the stranger. No other single attraction of Saint John so obtrudes itself upon the notice of the traveler.



YACHTS ABOVE THE FALLS, ON THE SAINT JOHN.



THE REVERSING FALLS OF THE SAINT JOHN.

Thus it is, that should the tourist attempt to ignore these falls, he becomes the victim of what seems to be almost an organized conspiracy. If he climbs to see the view from the top of that curious tower in quaint Rockwood Park, his guide is sure to point out that: "Just above those two bridges—follow my finger—are the reversing rapids." Should he stand rapt before the beauty of Loch Lomond, with Best Beloved leaning ever so slightly against his shoulder, some one is bound to break in with: "Oh yes, pretty enough; but have you seen the reversing cataract?"

"Thus it was that a party of New Yorkers, shamelessly disregarding Saint John's many church bells, made their way—after a short ride on the electric cars—through the wood yard where Saint John will some day have a fine park and, rounding a corner, suddenly came upon the river."

Stern candor compels the statement that these so-called "falls," as falls, are not remarkable. One who goes with the expectation of seeing another Niagara will go in vain, yet somehow not be disappointed. Niagara may start higher, jump further, fall faster, and carry more water, but it is bound and shackled by the law of its being, which compels it to flow ever and forever downward. In that regard this whirling, seething, desperately hurrying, reversible stream stands alone.

The Saint John river and the great tides of the Bay of Fundy were in hot battle that Sunday morning. From the Oromocto, from the Kennebecasis, from the headwaters of the Nashwaak, from all the wilds of New Brunswick the floods came hurrying down, like reinforcements, to help the great river in its struggle for supremacy. But old Fundy had not been idle, and all through the morning had been gathering its forces and sending them to the front. And so the turbulent Fundy tides fairly made a show of the river, and, despite its struggles to flow down stream, as a self-respecting river should, forced it back upon itself in great confusion.

Up and down the channel the river was white with rage, save where whirlpools of a wicked blackness seethed in anger, silent and malevolent. Great spurts of water rose suddenly and fell back again like arms flung wildly up in a mêlée. Surges sprang up and dashed at each other

with an almost audible "whack," and then fell back only to rise and spring forward again. Over all this tumult a little spray-born rainbow arched serenely.

Just in front, dividing the hurrying flood, were two islands; one, a round little "nubbin," being right at the height of the conflict. Across the river, in open warfare against the almost uncanny solemnity of a Saint John Sunday, a tall factory was reeling out a feathery scarf of smoke that draped itself gracefully athwart the sky as if to atone for the abnormal ugliness of its chimney.

"She's running up pretty lively," said a strange voice.

Without turning their heads they admitted it.

"But she'll run back just as lively, pretty soon," continued the voice.

They looked at one another and marveled how that torrent could ever run the other way. When they returned in the afternoon, however,—but that's another story.

"You folks don't come from round here," he persisted. They turned and saw an elderly, weather-beaten little man, who walked with a cane, and



"The ancient citizen *** began poking holes in the ground."

was most curiously girt about his middle with a strap some six inches below his waistband.

"No, New York," said some one.

"New York," said the little man, reflectively, "New York?" Then they heard him mutter something about: "Cut my grandfather's throat in New York."

There was an exclamation of horror. "They cut his throat!"

"No," said this curious person, "I wish they had."

They stared. "You'll pardon me," said one politely, "but if it isn't too inquisitive, we'd like to know why, at this late date, you wish they had cut your grandfather's throat."

"In New York," supplemented somebody.

"Yes, in New York, of all places."

"Because," he said seriously, "because, then I'd been born in New York 'stead of here."

"Shake!" they cried, with one voice, "you've got sense."

The ancient citizen leaned up against the side of a little pavilion, and began poking holes in the ground with his stick. While the river before him turbulently warred against its ancient enemy, the tide, he told the story of a life that had warred despairingly against its environment.

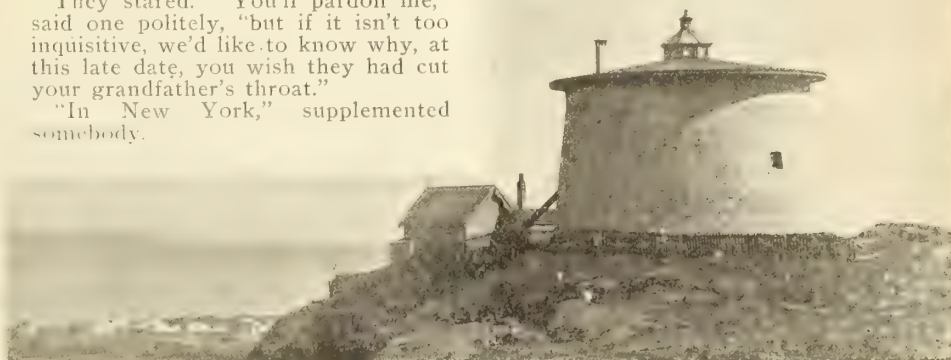
"My grandfather lived in New York at the time of the Revolutionary War," he began, "and when the war was over, and the British troops evacuated the city, the Tories were unpopular, I can tell you. Even the children used to call after them in the streets and throw stones."

"Finally a lot of them got together, chartered a ship, put all they had aboard her, and set out to find some colony of the king's where they could live in peace. They hadn't been out many days when they ran into a terrible gale that blew them out of their course, and carried them away to the north. They didn't see the sun for over a week, until, finally, they lost all reckoning, and didn't know where they were. It grew colder and colder and they nearly perished. The ship got all iced up and stayed that way; it was beautiful, but a little chilly, my grandfather used to say. When the gale finally broke they put the ship about, and headed due south; they didn't care where they went as long as they got warm."

"After a while the ice all left the ship, and the weather grew warmer, so that the children that had been crying with the cold began to run about the deck barefooted. Next they began to see beautiful birds, and when they came to an island with palms and tropical foliage and white roofs showing between the purple hills and the deep blue water, they thought they'd reached Paradise. It seemed so after all their suffering."

"But Paradise wasn't for them that time. The inhabitants, I guess, didn't like their looks and so they wouldn't let them come ashore. They were almost broken-hearted, but they set out again bravely, and after a long voyage arrived here."

"And that's why Saint John is called the 'City of the Loyalists.' Now you see why I wished they had cut my grandfather's throat in New York so he couldn't have gotten away. My



THE MARTELLI TOWER AT SAINT JOHN, BUILT IN 1812.



"JUST IN FRONT *** WERE TWO ISLANDS."

father wanted to get back all his life; and when he knew he was near his end, he went to "the states" and died there. And I'm going there, too; I'm going back to New York where I belong.

"Ever been there?" asked someone, after a pause.

"Never," he said, "but I'm going back there before I die," and then he added, as one not without pride, "but I spent two days in Bangor, Maine, once."

He poked holes in the ground for a while, then continued. "My grandfather picked up an American musket after the battle of Long Island, and that's going back where it belongs when I do. I'm an American 'spite of these people round here. My next door neighbor hasn't been in my house for two years; folks won't speak to me 'cause I've got an American flag hoisted at my place. They won't let me vote. So I'm going back to New York, where I belong."

Then in an unemotional, matter-of-fact way he told them tales; of men drowned in the river, whose bodies, held under the shelving rocks, would stay there until the Judgment Day; of Captain Kidd's treasure buried on the little round island in front of him, that was haunted so that nobody dared land on it; of scenes when the ice in the river breaks up and goes over the falls, in a tossing, grinding, crushing maelstrom; of a steamer that went over with the captain insensible in the pilot house, and the engineer unconscious that anything was wrong; of incidents in the terrible fire of '77 that destroyed almost a third of the city, and even burned the ships in the harbor; but through it all there ran the ever-recurring minor strain of homesickness.

"I'm going back," he said bravely, "this winter, maybe. Been here long enough. Saint John's a nice place, but I'm going back to New York where I belong."

Thereupon, as if he knew the value of a timely exit, he got upon his feet and hobbled off.

"I wonder," said one looking after him, "when I think of New York, with its congested canyon-like streets, its tall buildings, its elevators that go up like a rocket and come down faster than the stick, its over-sophisticated, pleasure-loving, happy-go-lucky population, its Broadway when the theaters let out, and all the rest of it; I wonder how 'Little Old New York' will strike a man who 'spent two days in Bangor once.'"

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ing illustrations, is reprinted from, and by courtesy of, "The Four Track News," Mr. George H. Daniels, Publisher.]

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The work of the Open Hearth is still increasing and all departments show an advance over former years. Dr. C. D. Alton is constant in his visits and takes general charge of the work. The Doctor has been connected with the institution since its first start, and under his charge everything connected with the Open Hearth is prospering. Rev. James Goodwin comes to us on Wednesday evenings and takes a deep interest in the work. Rev. Mr. Miel also comes to us as often as his duties will permit. Rev. Cranston Brenton of Trinity College took charge of the meeting on one Sunday evening. The children's meetings on Friday evenings, led by Mr. Roberts, are well attended,—in fact all the meetings show a good attendance and manifest the interest felt. The number of men who come to us from all quarters is large and those who have the wish to do the small amount of work demanded are accommodated with lodging and morning lunch. The fact that a man can get a good clean bed for ten cents is more and more appreciated by those who have only just work enough to pay their way at this season of the year. The wood yard is prospering and our citizens should patronize us and thus help in the care of the un-

fortunate and at the same time get the best wood at prices as low as furnished elsewhere. We are in need of clothing of all kinds for free distribution, also shoes, and our friends should remember us. Telephone, and goods will be gladly called for. The approach of winter weather should not be forgotten by those who have articles which would save much suffering to the poor. All should lend a helping hand and assist in the good work of caring for those who are not able, from various causes, to entirely help themselves. To try to make men self-supporting by encouragement, advice, and giving them the helping hand, is the privilege of all and such is the work of the Open Hearth.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The work of the Sunday-school during the fall has been marked by a good attendance on the part of most of our former pupils and the addition of several new members.

Rev. R. H. Potter was present on Rally Sunday and gave the rally address.

The Sunday evening service is regularly attended by about forty, most of whom come from homes near the chapel.

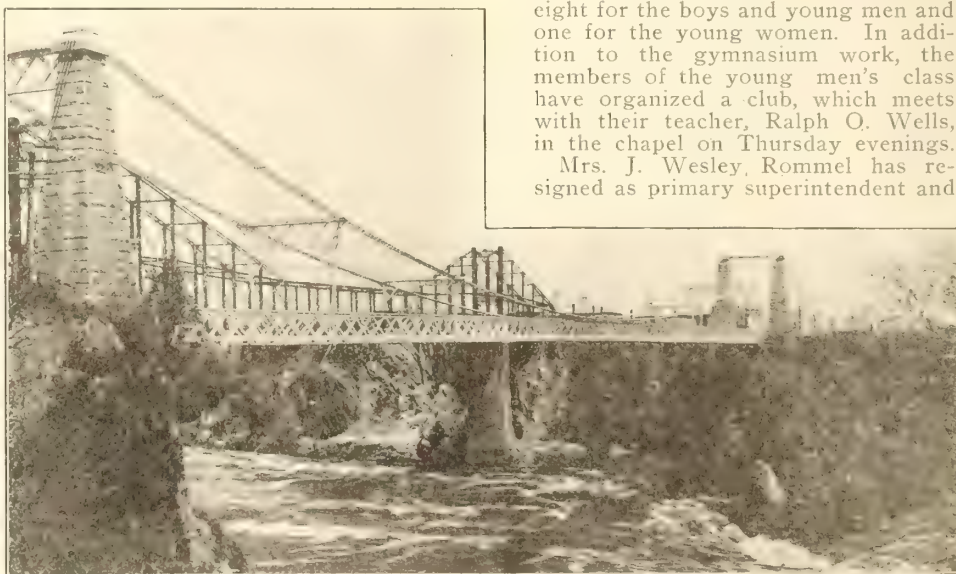
The kindergarten and the cooking school, opened in September, have continued to attract a gratifying number of pupils into these helpful departments.

Since our last report the Boys' Club, the kitchengarden and the mothers' meetings have reopened for the season.

The sewing work has been resumed with Miss Amelia A. Cook as teacher and Mrs. W. B. Williams and Miss Lucy S. Taintor, assistants. Mrs. Williams has also organized a class for knitting.

The gymnasium has proved unusually popular this season. We have competent instructors, a fine equipment of gymnastic apparatus, a well-furnished locker room and a bath room fitted with three showers. The privilege of the gymnasium is offered to all the members of our Sunday-school, above the junior department. Our present schedule of classes is eight for the boys and young men and one for the young women. In addition to the gymnasium work, the members of the young men's class have organized a club, which meets with their teacher, Ralph O. Wells, in the chapel on Thursday evenings.

Mrs. J. Wesley Rommel has resigned as primary superintendent and



"JUST ABOVE THESE TWO BRIDGES *** ARE THE REVERSING RAPIDS."

Miss Clara E. Wells has been appointed to that office.

The band from the kindergarten for the blind gave a delightful concert in the chapel Friday evening, October 21. This entertainment was offered through the kindness of Miss Louise M. Lee. We hope to have the concert repeated at the chapel some time during the winter.



NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

A very pleasant social was held at the parsonage last month. It was in the nature of a surprise and the party gave Rev. Mr. Macy and Mrs. Macy an oak rocker and Persian rug.

The Ladies' Sewing Society held a meeting November 4, followed by a ten-cent supper. It was well patronized. They are planning for a fair and oyster supper December 2.

The Sunshine Society is to hold a sale and give a cantata at the same time.

Rev. Mr. Craig gave a talk on prison reform, recently.

Mrs. Curtiss of Meriden made a report of the recent meeting in Providence, November-6.

Prof. Gillette gave an interesting account of the conference in Iowa, on Sunday evening, November 13.

A letter from Anna Richardson, thanking us for contributions to her school, was read November 6.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Missionary League is meeting Friday afternoons at the close of school, devoting time to preparing Christmas gifts to be sent to one of the missionary jurisdictions in the West. The boys make frames, with which they frame pictures, and the girls dress dolls and make bags which will be filled with candy.

A red and blue contest for new scholars has been inaugurated in the Sunday-school, for which buttons of the respective colors have been equally distributed among the members. The blues have been ahead both Sundays since the contest started, but the reds say that they have no intention of being defeated.

The contest will continue until Easter, when the individual securing the greatest number of new scholars will be given a prayer-book bound in the color of the winning side.

FIRST METHODIST.

The severe storm on Sunday, Nov. 13, kept many scholars from the Sunday-school.

A box of useful and attractive articles is being packed by our school to be sent to Korea.

On the evening of Oct. 17, the

"Chautauqua Circle" held their first meeting at the home of Mr. R. B. Newell. An interesting programme had been prepared, consisting of music by Mrs. Howard Brundage and friends. Rev. D. W. Howell and Mrs. Brundage gave a very interesting talk on Chautauqua.

Special meetings are to be held two evenings of this week and, beginning November 21, meetings will be held every evening except Saturday. On Nov. 27, union meetings of the four Methodist churches will be held in this church, lasting for two weeks. These meetings will be in charge of Rev. T. S. Henderson, Conference evangelist, of New York, and Rev. F. W. Hannan of Brooklyn, N. Y., assisted by the Rev. B. F. Meredith of New York, who will have charge of the music.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held a fair the latter part of October, which was very successful, the ladies netting \$256.

The pastor and one delegate attended the Conference at Windsor Locks and were richly repaid by the report which Mr. Potter gave of the meeting of the National Council at Des Moines.

No one expects to attend the conference at New London from our church.

The pastor's son was injured last week by being run down by a bicycle.

FIRST BAPTIST.

At the inauguration of President Luther of Trinity College on October 26, our pastor represented his college, the University of Rochester.

The monthly meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sunday-school was held in the vestry, Friday evening, November 18.

Our Sunday-school was represented by a delegate at the recent State Convention at Norwich.

The Young People's Association held an interesting and helpful missionary meeting on October 20. Miss Christie, who is at present studying in the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, told of mission work in Turkey, and of life there.

The Northfield meeting was held Sunday evening, September 25. A large number were present and the reports of helpful sermons and addresses were interesting to all.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

A very successful Poverty Social was given by the King's Daughters on October 18.

We have had good attendance at our services.

Miss Mary Arms, one of our Sunday-school teachers, has gone to Salt Lake City to make her future home with her brother.

On November 18, the Ladies Aid Society will give a supper.

A number of our members are earning dollars which will be presented to the mission on Tuesday evening, November 30, as a Thanksgiving offering.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The ladies of the Guild gave a supper October 27, which was largely patronized, and was most gratifying to those in charge.

A service in memory of our former rector, Rev. George Russell Warner, was held on the evening of All Saints' Day. During the singing of the processional hymn by the vested choir, the clergy, wardens and vestry, and the Washington Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, in full regalia, entered the church. The Sir Knights occupied seats in the body of the church. Seats were also reserved for members of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., and members of Robert O. Tyler Post, No. 50, G. A. R., of which Mr. Warner was a member. The church was well filled and the service was conducted by the rector, Rev. Henry Macbeth, assisted by the Rev. George T. Linsley of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. James Goodwin of Christ church, Rev. Jas. W. Bradin of St. John's church, and Rev. A. P. Chapman of Trinity church, Northfield. The memorial sermon was preached by the Rev. A. P. Chapman, a life-long friend of Mr. Warner.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The annual roll call of the church was observed last Thursday evening and the responses from absent, as well as present members, were very pleasant to hear. These occasions are of great help to the spiritual life of the church.

A lecture was given on the evening of November 1, by Mr. Fordham, on "What I Saw in Jerusalem," which was quite a success.

Some incidents in connection with the last work of our dear Brother Charles H. Peckham, may show how the prayers of the faithful, believing Christians are answered. There was to have been quite a number baptized, but he was taken suddenly ill, and one for whom he had personally prayed and pleaded with earnestly that he would come and be saved, came to see him and found he had gone to rest. The death of the beloved friend drew him to the foot of the cross, also quite a number of others. All these were baptized, and who can tell the extent of the answered prayers.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this church gave their pastor and retired president a surprise party in the church parlors on the evening of October 26. Games were played and a general good time was enjoyed. The pastor and retiring president were each presented with a gold Christian Endeavor pin. The officers for the coming year are: President, Oliver W. Tule; vice-pres., Mrs. George C. Haigis; sec'y and treas., Mrs. Charles Bowers; cor. sec'y, Mrs. George Avery; director, Martin Shaw.

Sunday, October 30, the Glenwood Sunday-school elected its officers for 1905, as follows: Supt., Rev. S. E. MacGeehon; asst. supt., Mrs. Blanche Williams; secy., Mrs. George Avery; treas., Miss Jessie Smith; librarian,

George Young; primary supt., Mrs. S. E. MacGeehon.

Tuesday evening, November 1, the King's Daughters Circle of the church gave a sale and entertainment in the church parlors. It was a success both financially and socially. The society is in a flourishing condition and the outlook for the coming year is bright.

Thursday, November 3, the annual meeting of the church was held, preceded by a supper. Reports were read of all departments of church work, showing flourishing conditions, and officers were elected. A. A. Lewis was re-elected treasurer and George P. Kayser, clerk. Peter Grierson was chosen deacon in place of W. D. Gray, resigned.

November 15, the Christian Endeavor Society gave a supper and entertainment at the church.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

A Communion service was held on Sunday morning, November 6. On the evening of the same day our regular evening service was resumed, that service having been omitted during the summer months.

Our new organist, Professor L. W. Harvey, began his service with us on the first Sunday of this month.

The Thursday evening prayer-meeting of October 13 was in charge of the Christian Endeavorers, a good number of whom were present and took part in the meeting.

The topic of the meeting October 27, was, "The Mission of Our Church," prayer being offered for all the varied forms of service we are entering upon anew, this fall.

An interesting home missionary meeting was held in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon, October 26, at which there were present twenty-four ladies. Accounts of the work done in different fields were given and plans for the season's work were discussed. It was decided that the sewing at the next meeting should be done for needy families in town.

A meeting was held in the chapel on Friday afternoon, November 4, in the interest of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Wilson of Plantsville read the Scriptures and offered prayer. Mrs. C. B. Forbes of Hartford gave an interesting talk on the question, "What is the Use of a W. C. T. U. in a No-License Town?" Mrs. Keith of Worcester, Mass., spoke briefly on the importance of work among railroad men. Seven ladies agreed to join a Union should one be formed.

The few remaining members of the Young Men's Class who have continued their membership and attendance in the Bible school for months so faithfully, are now rewarded by having as their teacher Mr. W. A. Wells, whose experience with young men, coupled with his knowledge of the Bible and skill as a teacher, give promise of a successful class.

On Sunday evening, October 30, the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society was omitted, as we met by invitation with the Baptist society.

At the consecration service, Sunday evening, November 6, five joined the Christian Endeavor Society as active members.

The first meeting of the Men's Union the present season was held on Friday evening, October 28. The meeting, more than usual, took on a social character and vacation experiences were related by many.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christian Endeavor Bible Class has Mr. F. F. Goodsell, from the Seminary, for a teacher this year. The class has a good attendance and has many interesting discussions which prove to be helpful.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor have resumed the services at the Almshouse, Sunday mornings. These services are well attended and seem to be beneficial to the inmates.

Wednesday evening, November 16, the Peterson Grand Concert Company of New Haven gave an entertainment in Hillyer Hall. The proceeds were for the Christian Endeavor Society. The society had four new members join this month.

The church and Christian Endeavor Society mourn the loss of one of their helpful workers, Miss Laura A. Weaver, who died October 22.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

On October 23, our pastor, Rev. Roscoe Nelson, exchanged with Rev. Mr. Goodale of Suffield.

Several of our ladies attended the annual meeting of the Hartford Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions in Hartford. At their own annual meeting on October 4, they raised \$90 for the work of this Board.

Four persons united with the church by letter at our last Communion. On the same day, the new individual cup service was used for the first time and appreciated by all.

The First School Society, at its annual meeting, unanimously voted to give Rev. G. C. Wilson, pastor from 1866 to 1892, a lot in the Palisades cemetery.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Rally Day for our Sunday-school was observed on Sunday afternoon, October 30. The attendance was large and the program interesting.

The ladies of the Dorcas Society are working hard to get a new carpet for the chapel and are progressing well in the effort.

A photograph social was given by the Y. P. S. C. E. on October 11. It was a very pleasant gathering.

On Sunday evening last, Rev. J. B. Connell preached an inspiring and suggestive sermon on "The Possibilities of Our Work," in which many ideas were given for guidance in various branches of our work.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our church has been undergoing extensive repairs on the exterior and is in better condition than for many years.

The Ladies' Aid Society is giving a supper and sale in the chapel this week for the benefit of the church debt.

Our pastor and Deacon Shedd have

been appointed delegates to the State Conference at New London next week.

Our weekly offerings this month go toward reducing the church debt.

The Saturday Afternoon Club has re-elected our pastor's wife as president for another year and elected Mrs. R. R. Wolcott as vice-president and Mrs. John H. Buck, secretary and treasurer.

UNITY CHURCH.

On Sunday, October 30, the service was more largely musical than usual, the choir being assisted by Miss Brandegee, violinist. Mr. Wait gave a short address on "Reflections Before the Ballot Box." The service was enjoyed by a large audience. The hospitality committee is preparing for a social on November 17, and a supper on December 2.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

All of the church societies made a successful start last week.

The Ladies' Missionary Society gave one of its excellent dinners recently.

The Girls' Friendly Society gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening, November 15, which was very enjoyable.

The Men's Club is well attended so far this season.

There is great need for more teachers in our Sunday-school and we are hoping that volunteers will come forward for this service.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The 70th anniversary, annual reunion and roll-call of this church was held Thursday evening, October 20, with an attendance of about 250. After the supper, reports were heard from the various organizations connected with the church, which showed that a large amount of good work had been done and that most of the organizations were in good shape.

Mr. A. W. Brown was re-elected as superintendent of the Bible school, but upon his declination, at a subsequent meeting of the advisory committee of the church, Mr. E. H. Morse was appointed and will assume his duties December 1.

The annual business meeting of the Hartford C. E. Union was held in the church parlors Tuesday evening, October 25.

The annual meeting of the Whatso-ever Circle of King's Daughters was held in the church parlors, Wednesday evening, October 26. Reports from the recent convention at New Haven were given.

Dr. Roland D. Grant occupied the pulpit Sunday evening October 30.

Sunday, November 6, our pastor, Rev. W. H. Main, D. D., spoke at the boys' meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building, and also addressed the mass meeting for men at the Hartford Opera House.

At the evening service in the church, the Park Sisters, cornetists, rendered a number of selections.

One new member was welcomed into the church at the last communion service.

Sunday, November 13, Rev. Alonzo Bunker, returned missionary from Burma, was with us, preaching in the morning and speaking at our Y. P. S. C. E. meeting in the evening. He is an inspiration and many were glad to hear and see him again.

Much interest is being aroused in the Missionary Conference to be held at Meriden, November 14-15, and it is expected that a large number will attend from our church.

The What-so-ever Circle of King's Daughters is arranging for a social and sale on December 6.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

On Sunday morning, November 6, ten persons joined the church in full membership.

Quite a unique series of services is being held at our church on Sunday evenings, at 7 o'clock. The following subjects have been presented by capable citizens of the town:

Oct. 30, "Why Men Do Not Attend Church," Messrs. Geo. R. Maude, Geo. H. Albee, H. A. Huntington; Nov. 6, "Why Men Do Attend Church," Messrs. W. H. Mason, J. J. McKenzie, G. B. Hyde, S. V. R. Trowbridge; Nov. 13, "Why Men Ought to Attend Church," Messrs. F. F. Goodsell, O. G. Arnurius and Rev. W. F. Sheldon; Nov. 20, "The Man Jesus," Messrs. S. V. R. Trowbridge, F. F. Goodsell, Rev. W. F. Sheldon.

The third Quarterly Conference of the year was held at the parsonage on Tuesday evening, November 8.

On Wednesday, November 9, at 5.30 p. m., the Ladies' Aid Society served a tea in the church vestry.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The Junior Society is well attended from Sunday to Sunday.

The Senior Young People's Society held an interesting missionary meeting October 30, on the topic of "Giving." No one seemed frightened at the subject and the basket held the collection.

The King's Daughters give a musical and literary entertainment November 18, the proceeds to be devoted to

the work of the circle.

The Ladies' Social Organization gave a Harvest supper November 1, which was well enjoyed.

Dr. Stone gave his address on the "Shadow of a Great Rock in a Weary Land" before the Hartford Chapter of King's Daughters and Sons in the chapel of the Center church, Saturday, November 12.

NORTH METHODIST.

The series of evangelistic services to be held in the Methodist churches in this city will begin in this church on Monday evening, November 21.

Miss Emily Frances Harvey and Rev. William Lewis Wilkenson were married at the church on Wednesday, November 2. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Wilkenson of Pittsburg, Pa. and the Rev. D. W. Howell, father and brother-in-law of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkenson will reside in Addison, Pa.

The camp meeting committee of the C. E. Society held a box social at the church on November 7, in the interest of the camp meeting building fund. A number from neighboring Methodist churches were present and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The autumn carnival was a decided success and all those who planned and worked for it feel well repaid.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

We have started on the work of the season with more interest than was shown during the summer months.

On Sunday, November 13, our pastor changed places with the Rev. Mr. McDougal, pastor of the Baptist church at Suffield, Ct., for both morning and evening services.

Our Evangeline Circle is preparing for a sale to be held December 9.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Park Church Club, which holds its meeting at 12:10 a. m., on Sunday, has invited all members of the congregation to attend, and was addressed by Mr. Tatsuo Tanaka on "The Religions of Japan," November 6. Mayor William F. Henney spoke on "The Educated Man in Politics," November 13. Other speakers procured are: November 20, Secretary Jacks of the Y. M. C. A.; November 27, Prof. Chas. F. Johnson of Trinity College; December 3, President Luther.

Those who were deterred by the weather from attending the vesper service, November 13, missed a most satisfactory and effective soprano solo

by Mrs. F. A. Smith, and Mr. Ranney's excellent sermon.

Our church is to do more this year than ever before in all of its departments. The church is anxious to increase the regular Sunday morning offering.

There is a noteworthy spirit of interest among the younger people in the Christian Endeavor Society. We want more working members. There will be a social the evening after Thanksgiving, to which every one is invited who would like to become acquainted with our young people and have a good time.

We are very grateful to Miss Trumbull for a very pleasant evening spent at her home Monday, November 7.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

A missionary service was held at the church on the last Sunday in October. Bishop H. B. Ristarick of Honolulu, gave an interesting account of his field in the Sandwich Islands. He spoke of the education that is being given to the Chinese and Japanese boys and the great progress being made by them in their studies. It is intended to increase the number of schools as soon as funds can be raised for that purpose.

Three new memorial windows have lately been placed in the church to correspond in general appearance with the other windows on the south side of a memorial character, making that side of the church complete. They were the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Colt, in memory of her three infant children.

Tuesday, November 8, the annual state convention of the Girls' Friendly Society was held at the Colt Memorial building. Dinner was served to members, delegates and clergy at 6 o'clock. A service was held in the evening at the church with a number of the state clergy in attendance.

A concert was given under the auspices of the Men's League, by the church quartet, assisted by Mr. Newton W. Larkum, humorist, at the Colt Memorial hall on Thursday, November 17. The proceeds will be used to defray the expense of repairing the bowling alleys.

A match game of bowling will be held at the Memorial House, December 6, between a team from the Y. M. C. A. and the Men's League.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The special services, begun in St. Paul's church last week, are to be continued in this church this week, Nov. 14-19, with services Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday evening, Mr. W. E. Fenno, of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., will speak.

The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters had a very pleasing entertainment and sale in the chapel, Friday evening, November 4.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society gave a very pleasing Hallowe'en social at the parsonage. There was a large attendance and the usual pastimes were indulged in.

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THE ELECTION.

Election Day has come and gone and buried hopes are the portion of Democracy. Well, four years hence it may be different. Such gigantic success as has come to the Republican Party has its dangers, and let us hope that if the day comes when one party, by continued success, has become corrupt, another one, with better promise, may take its place.

What a fine thing it is to be an American! To feel that, as a nation, we have such unity and have been so richly blessed.

For a few weeks we have the turmoil of political strife, of a good natured sort on the whole, then the votes are cast and counted and the result is accepted without question and the citizen again pursues the even tenor of his way.

Think of it,—the possibility of a

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political revolution offered every four years. Actually occurring, too, sometimes, yet a revolution of a character so peaceful, that the nation as a whole scarcely feels it.

And somehow it seems a fine thing, and one can think so without partisan bias, for the President of the United States, the grandest political office on the face of the earth, to say, when assured of his unprecedented endorsement by the nation, these words:

"On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

A President to be proud of and a country to be proud of, and one can also rejoice in the fact, that the nation was not forced to choose between a good man and a bad one. For Judge Alton B. Parker, who went down to defeat, was also a good, wholesome American—a well-rounded man—a man probably who, in his own way, would have conscientiously administered the affairs of the nation for the good of the whole people.

THANKSGIVING.

This is the season which seems providentially set apart for the optimists of the country to get together and take account of stock, and to come to the conclusion that after all there is a good deal of light and cheerfulness in the world, and a great deal to justify the feeling that life is worth the living. It is a curious thing—but nevertheless it is actually found—that oftentimes contradictory tendencies are discoverable in the same individual. Accordingly it is not rarely found during these days that some of the very people who most earnestly believe in the celebration of Thanksgiving are the ones who have the most grievous complaints to register against the present order of things. For example, it is urged that attendance at the church services on Thanksgiving morning should be regarded as a necessary part of the day's celebration. Yet, as it is observed that that phase of activity, even among Christian people, has subsided with the passage of a number of years, it is accordingly felt that this subsidence of church attendance on Thanksgiving morning is a sign of decadence in religious life. Is not this a little of the pessimistic spirit creeping into our optimism? Surely we believe in church attendance—on Thanksgiving

Day as well as on others. And it may be a matter of regret that the years have brought laxity in that regard. But we cannot afford to let anything—even other people's faults—enter into the real meaning of that day and disturb the simplicity of our own heartfelt Thanksgiving.

SERMONS.

Time was when the minister preached twice or thrice on Sundays—and each sermon was two hours in length. Now things have changed. Some people assure us that the change is for the worst; others take it very cheerfully. At any rate, these are days when a twenty-minute sermon is regarded as quite sufficient for the average Sunday morning congregation, and the minister who exceeds that limit does so at his peril. From the minister's standpoint there are three possible explanations of the new order of things: The first is that the preacher of to-day may not have as much to say as his predecessor; the second is that he may have found the secret of saying in twenty minutes what the other man said in two hours; the third is that he may have realized the benefits from the other man's experience and have discovered that human beings can sleep even under strong preaching. He may accordingly prefer to preach a little to those that are awake rather than a great deal to those that sleep. Which is it?

Another great stride in the direction of universal peace has just been taken by the United States and, incidentally, one more international endorsement of the Hague tribunal has been recorded. Secretary Hay and Ambassador Jusserand have signed a treaty between the United States and France providing that in the event of any dispute between these nations, which cannot be settled by diplomacy, recourse shall be had to the permanent Court of the Hague.

The Social Settlement of Hartford, of which we gave an account last spring, is now in need of funds to carry on its ever-broadening work. It is not so situated in locality, that it is handy for visitors to drop in often and keep in touch with its work. One has to go a bit out of the way to find the building down on North street. But go there—it's well worth the while—and it will give you an insight into a class of work of which you have but slight perception and less appreciation, perhaps.

This, a visit will correct. It will

prove an hour well spent. You will be glad to lend a hand, or contribute of your means, to this eminently Christian work.

The inauguration of President Luther of Trinity College on Wednesday, October 26, was an important event and the ceremonies incident to the occasion were of an impressive character. There were assembled for this event distinguished men of diverse callings,—men who delighted to honor President Luther and Trinity College.

Hartford can take just pride in this growing institution, and in the future it bids promise to reflect no little lustre on the reputation of our city. May President Luther enjoy a long and prosperous administration.

The Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy offers this season some valuable courses for Christian workers. The instruction given is of a high order and the terms are very reasonable. A list of the courses with hours for classes, etc., can be obtained at the office of the School, No. 1466 Broad street.

Love is the first comforter; and where love and truth speak, the love will be felt where the truth is never perceived. Love, indeed, is the highest of all truth; and the pressure of a hand, a kiss, a caress of a child, will do more to save, sometimes, than the wisest argument, even rightly understood. Love alone is wisdom; love alone is power; and, where love seems to fail, it is where self has stepped between and dulled the potency of its rays.—George MacDonald.

INTEMPERANCE AND MISSIONS.

We talk about the "path of civilization," but we are filling it full of stumbling-blocks for the uncivilized races.

Killing those for whom Christ was killed! Could there be any greater sin than that?

The sin of liquor-selling to the heathen overshadows all the good of Christian lands. By it our "good is evil spoken of."

Better no meat at all than meat that becomes a hindrance to the weak; better no commerce at all than a commerce that destroys Christian influence.

A Chinaman once said to a missionary: "You cannot be true, for in one hand you bring opium to curse China, and in the other you bring your religion."

When Mohammedans see one of

their number drunk, they are in the habit of saying, "He has become a Christian."

It is said that the only place in the new island possessions of the United States that is free from drunkenness is Sulu, where, because the American forces are surrounded by Mohammedans, liquor-selling is forbidden both inside and outside the army.

A Hindu declared in 1900: "With the spread of the English education in India, we notice the more extensive use of liquors, which we are strictly and religiously prohibited from touching."

President Angell says that, when minister to China, he did not see two drunken Chinamen a year.

Sixteen of the world's leading nations have agreed by treaty to suppress in the greater part of the Congo Free State the traffics in slaves, firearms, and strong drink.

One of the world's truest heroes is Khama, the native chief of Bechuanaland, South Africa, in his life-long fight against the white man's rum and whiskey for his people.

African graves are often decorated with gin bottles.—Daily Companion.

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

The remaining entertainments in the Y. M. C. A. course are as follows:

Tuesday, November 22. The Royal Entertainers, G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, in their incomparable "Protean Entertainment," a program full of vivacity, fun, grace, and refinement.

Monday, December 12. A great illustrated entertainment, entitled, "A Day and Night with Our Life Savers," presented by Mr. J. E. Comerford. The noted Kinetograph moving pictures will be used.

Wednesday, December 21. Carmen's Italian Boys and Elbert Foland, humorist, Seven artists. A novel entertainment.

Wednesday, February 1. The Floyds' unique entertainers. Floyd, sleight of hand and illusions. Mohola, second sight and memory tests.

Wednesday, February 15. The Colonial Orchestral Club of Boston, with Maude Fowler, reader. This entertainment will appeal especially to lovers of good music.

Monday, March 6. Prof. John B. De Motte, the brilliant and scholarly lecturer, on "Python Eggs and the American Boy." Beautifully illustrated by stereopticon.

Wednesday, April 5. The Whitney Brothers' Quartette, one of the leading quartettes of the day. Mr. Ed-

ward M. Whitney is the reader.

For prices and tickets for the remainder of the course, or for separate entertainments, application should be made to the Y. M. C. A.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

October 30, Prof. Paton from the Theological Seminary addressed the Young People's Society, giving them a very interesting account of peasant life in Palestine. It hardly seems possible that they live now in the same way the people did in our Saviour's time. All progress seems to be withheld from them.

The Pastor's Aid Society gave a Hallowe'en party, October 31, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The room was prettily decorated with autumn leaves, apples, etc., and all games common to the day were played. Refreshments of old time pumpkin pie and doughnuts were served.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The young ladies of our church gave a fair in the church parlors November 15, which was well attended, and a success financially.

Our Sunday-school is growing, especially the Bible class. Now that we have a competent teacher to take charge we find there are many who are glad to come in.

Our class of young men is not fully organized and we hope that it will use its utmost efforts to draw in all the young men of the neighborhood and have a rousing class.

Thursday we are to have a conference of all Christian workers in our parish, whether of our church or some other.

Our pastor has started the organization of a Men's Club, to consist of all men of our neighborhood, whether members of our church or not. Invitations have been sent out to all and a meeting is to be held Tuesday evening to organize and participate in an oyster supper. One hundred men are expected to be present.

Miss Bessie Noble is home for a few weeks from Pittsfield, Mass.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, tells a story illustrating the differences of pronunciation in different parts of the country. "It is related," says the Senator, "that when the first tide of New England settlers began to drift to Kansas, Missourians tied a cow at each crossing of the Missouri river. If the emigrant said 'cow' he was permitted to cross, but if he said 'keow' he was told to return to the East, because the natives were satisfied that he was an evil-minded Abolitionist. The Kansas people evened up by tying a bear on their side of the river, and if the emigrant said 'bear' he was given the right hand of fellowship, but if he pronounced it 'bar,' he was given an hour to get back to Missouri, because he was an advocate of slavery."

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

"You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Biggs?"

"Oh, n-no; everybody has his little peculiarity. Stammering is m-m-mine; what is y-yours?"

"Well, really I am not aware that I have any."

"D-do you stir y-your tea with your right hand?"

"Why, yes, of course."

"W-well, that is your p-peculiarity; most p-people u-use a t-teaspoon."

The Hyman F. Smith Grocery Co., whose advertisement appears on another page, has built up its business along lines which have attracted to it the very best class of patrons. It is essentially a family store, one which aims to sell goods today which will make friends for tomorrow. It does not make a practice of selling one article at a few cents below cost to entice bargain hunters, who expect to be charged all the more on other purchases. It seeks only a reasonable profit on all goods sold, and its financial facilities for buying insure to its patrons full value for their money.

At this season of the year, in view of the Thanksgiving season, its stock is an exceptionally large and choice one. Its teas, coffees, spices, butter, nuts, fruits, vegetables, etc., are the best the market can supply. It is making a special drive on apples this month.

Fitzsmart: "Would you say a yoke of oxen is plowing or are plowing?"

Fitznoolde: "Is, of course."

Fitzsmart: "Would you say the yolk of an egg is white or are white?"

Fitznoodle: "Is, of course. What next?"

Fitzsmart: "Well, I should say the yolk of an egg is yellow."—Woman's Home Companion.

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"Can you gimme a bite, ma'am?" said the ragged hobo. "I'm hungry enuf ter eat a hoss."

"I regret to say," replied the kind lady, "that we are just out of horses, but I'll call the dog."—Chicago News.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

Do you know that there is a wonderful outlook for our work just now?

It is more than wonderful—the enthusiasm that is being shown by many societies. Has it reached your society yet? Well, it will. Do not wait for it. Meet it a little more than half way. All along the line a large increase in membership is being made.

I made a visit to one of our societies a few evenings since and was very much impressed with the spiritual tone that prevailed. **Every one was happy.** This society has been going outside the regular attendants of their church and is adding to its membership those that, under other conditions, would not be reached. It is a carrying-out of the command, "Go ye into the world." It is a grand example; let us all follow it. It is a line of work which gives **everyone** something to do. Will you take it up? You will help others, and how much it will strengthen you. Look after the many young people in your immediate neighborhood that are careless about their church affiliations. Try to help them.

I would like to hear from any of my friends in regard to the work you are doing. I can tell it to others. It will help.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning Nov. 20.

Topic.—How to express our thanks to God.—Ps. cxxxviii, 1-8.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Our thanksgiving topic strikes but one chord of this important subject—how. Nor is it by any means an unimportant one. If thankful unto God for past and present blessings we should want to know how to show Him that we are thankful. This is not always easy. Human benefactions are sometimes so great that we exclaim "How can I thank you?" to friends who have been kind to us. If this be true of human kindness how much more is it true of the loving kindness of our God! And yet we should strive to thank Him. His blessings are great. His loving kindness is always about us. Every year is crowned with goodness. God should be thanked how?

1. We should thank God in thought. "I will think of Thy loving kindness, O God," may well be one motto for thanksgiving. Forgetfulness is base ingratitude. Children who forget the loving care of parents are most unthankful and ungrateful. What, then,

about those who forget the mercies of their God? Let us "forget not all His benefits," but keep them constantly in mind, and thus will we in a most acceptable way be thanking God for them.

2. We should thank God in words. Thoughts of thanksgiving should be followed by words of thanksgiving. In song, in testimony, in prayer, in public worship we should thank God for His benefits. Praise and prayer are most necessary and efficient forms of thanksgiving. They should be public as well as private. The truly thankful will not neglect God's house. "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord." But there must be sincerity in our words of thanksgiving. Insincerity of heart makes the most eloquent words of none effect. Formalism produces the same result and must be carefully guarded against. The words of many become the merest formality. They may exclaim with frequency and fervor, "Praise the Lord!" and yet their words are as sounding brass and tinkling symbols. Sincerity is an absolute necessity to words of thanksgiving.

3. We should thank God in deeds. Thoughts and words must flower into deeds or our thanksgiving is a failure. What we do should be the best expression of our gratitude to God. When King Ahasuerus had recalled to him the fact that Mordecai had saved his life he asked, "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor?" "What shall be done?" not what resolutions shall be passed. By doing he would express his gratitude to his deliverer. By deeds as well as thoughts and words we should thank our God, the deliverer of our souls from eternal death to eternal life.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. xxxiv, 1-8; xlviii, 1; lxxvi, 1, 2; lxxxvi, 1-3; xcii, 1-5; cvii, 1-8; II Cor. ix, 10-12; Phil. iv, 1-6; Col. ii, 6, 7; iv, 2; Rev. vii, 11, 12.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week
Beginning Nov. 27.

Topic.—How intemperance hinders missions.—Rom. xiv, 13-21.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

In this chapter Paul enjoins the weak and the strong to treat each other considerately. If the strong can do what the weak cannot the weak are not to set themselves up as judges over the strong, for God is our judge. On the other hand, because the strong can rightfully do what the weak cannot they are not to press their rights even to the point where their exercise is injurious to their weaker brethren. Especially is this true when only such an insignificant matter as meat is involved. They were to give up no principle, yet would it pay to sacrifice a soul in order to assert the right to eat all kinds of meat because all was of God? Christ died to save the souls of men. Will we destroy him with meat for whom Christ died? No true Christian could take such a position.

For mere gratification we are not to endanger immortal souls.

This truth may be applied to intemperance and missions. Intemperance has always been a foe to religion, and wherever it has gone on mission fields it has been one of the greatest hinderers of missions. Nothing else could result, and therefore it seems incredible that the same nation sends both religion and rum to the heathen peoples of the world. But it is the old story of personal gratification, personal gain. Eliminate the large profit of the liquor business, and where could you find men to own and manage them? If the New York subway saloon should lead to such a result it would mean a great element of success in the warfare against the saloon. Men will do almost anything for money, and hence the same vessel carries the gospel and the grogshop to the same people. But should we for personal gain destroy him for whom Christ died? Infinitely rather let us be poor all the days of our lives than to barter in the traffic of human souls.

That intemperance hinders missions is a self evident fact. The people who receive both rum and religion from another nation lose confidence in the religion when they see the results of the rum. The missionaries are discouraged. Those who come under intemperance's blighting curse are unfitted to be affected by the power of the gospel. In these and other ways missions are hindered by intemperance. Christian nations should stop the liquor traffic with the peoples of our mission fields. It is a burning shame to any nation to permit alcoholic drinks to be sent to the nations of the world who are in religious darkness and to whom its Christian citizens are striving to send the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. No nation should tear down and attempt to build up at the same time. The mission fields are surrounded with enough problems. Let us as far as possible eliminate the intemperance one, so that Christ may be the more exalted and the gospel placed in a more favorable light before the unevangelized nations of the world.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ex. xx, 13; Lev. x, 8, 9; Num. vi, 1-14; Prov. xx, 1; xxiii, 29-32; Hab. ii, 1-15; Matt. xviii, 7; Luke i, 13-15; Gal. vi, 1-10; Rev. xxii, 17.

Passing of Christian Endeavor.

The secretary of the young people's department of the Presbyterian home mission board reports that last year the Christian Endeavor societies were the only organizations in the church that did not show a deficit. "Passed" again!

More Endeavor societies were engaged in evangelistic and benevolent work last year than ever before. More pastors bore testimony to the loyalty of their young Endeavorers than ever before. More missionaries wrote to headquarters of their indebtedness to Christian Endeavor than ever before. In work for prisoners in our state prisons and among the soldiers the last

year has been the best in the history of the movement. In view of these facts it is difficult to see how anybody can deny that Christian Endeavor is "passing." It is like the Empire State express—one can hardly count the telegraph poles along the way.

Last year's Pennsylvania state convention had a registered attendance of over 18,000. The New York convention had 3,300 registered delegates with an attendance at the meetings of over 5,000 day after day. Shades of our political fathers, what were you thinking of to allow an Endeavor crowd to "pass" your great caucuses and conventions in this way?—Rev. David James Burrell, D. D., LL. D., in Christian Intelligencer.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 4.

Topic.—How to worship in spirit and in truth.—Ps. c, 1-5; John iv, 19-24.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Worship may be popularly defined as the homage which we render unto God through the medium of praise, prayer, reading the Scriptures, including the interpretation of the Scripture and its application in the sermon, and the giving of gifts unto God when the worship is public.

Since worship is so great and important a part of our lives it is very necessary that we should understand its character. Two of the most vital characteristics of true worship are suggested for our consideration in the topic—namely, the spirituality and truth. The true worship of God must be both spiritual and sincere.

These characteristics of worship were emphasized by Christ Himself. The occasion was His conversation with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Her idea was that the place determined the value of the worship. "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain (Gerizim), and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." She looked upon Christ simply as a Jew and assumed that He believed, as the Jews, that Jerusalem was the place to worship. But Christ pointed out the error of her belief concerning worship and declared that the true worshipers would not magnify place, but would "worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." No other worship than that which is "in spirit and in truth" is actual worship.

We worship God only when our spirits come into touch and fellowship with His. Time, place and methods of worship avail nothing, only so far as they assist the human spirit to come into fellowship with the Divine Spirit. The need of sincerity is very evident. A formal worshiper could have no fellowship with God. Sincerity is an absolute necessity to spiritual worship, and there is no true worship that is not spiritual; hence the absolute need of spirituality and sincerity in worship. Let us remember these facts and both in private and public devotions wor-

ship God "in spirit and in truth."

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. xcvi, 1-11; xcvi, 8-9; xcvi, 1-7; Matt. ii, 1-11; vi, 1-8; John xii, 20-26; Acts i, 14; ii, 1-4; x, 1, 2; xvii, 22-34; Phil. iii, 3; Rev. iv, 11-14.

Ohio's Field Secretary.

In politics they say "As goes Maine goes the Union." In Christian Endeavor it is getting to be "As goes Ohio so ought the rest of us." The indefatigable work



REV. C. H. HUBBELL.

of Rev. C. H. Hubbell, whose home is in Columbus, is accountable for the putting of Ohio in the forefront as to Christian Endeavor. Mr. Hubbell, in his position as field secretary, has literally "lived in his satchel" the past two years, and the result is a phenomenal gain in societies and

a corresponding increase in the general effectiveness of all the work. In addition to his duties as field secretary, which makes for him an average of one or two addresses every day, Mr. Hubbell is editor of the Ohio Endeavorer.

Two Greetings.

The New York state Endeavor convention was unique in its greetings. One of them came from President Roosevelt, the other from Dr. Clark, the founder of the movement. Their greetings, which were received by the 6,000 people in the convention hall with unusual enthusiasm, were as follows:

My Dear Mr. Clements—I believe in the work of the Christian Endeavor unions and am always glad to send greetings to their conventions, but it is an especial pleasure to send, through you, to the Endeavorers of my native state hearty good wishes. Sincerely yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

I wish I could be with you in Buffalo. Please give my affectionate good wishes to all the Endeavorers assembled there and tell them "God is good and doeth good continually"—to Christian Endeavor. Tell them that the "increase campaign" has been taken up with vigor all over Great Britain, Australia and South Africa as well as on the continent of Europe. May God bless it more and more in the Empire State.

Francis E. Clark

In the Church of England.

Fifteen societies have been added to the Church of England union in the last twelve months, making sixty-two in all.

In New York City.

The New York city Christian Endeavor union embraces nearly 200 societies and has more than 7,000 members.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 11.

Topic.—How to break bad habits and cultivate good ones.—Rom. viii, 1-15.

By REV. S. H. GOSSET.

The breaking of bad habits and the cultivation of good ones is a most desirable achievement. It is, for all the sum of the practical results aimed at by Christianity. Christ's kingdom exists to dethrone evil and to enthroned the good, and the millennium will be ushered in when all evil has been overthrown and all the good exists. This was man's original condition when before the fall God looked upon the works of His hands "and behold it was very good." Moral as well as physical goodness was included in this verdict.

The Bible frequently emphasizes the two phases of this topic together. "Cease to do evil, learn to do well," was the injunction in Isaiah to ancient Judah, and we may take it to ourselves. Paul commands, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." And in the lesson the apostle speaks of Christians as those who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit, the flesh standing for evil and the spirit for good.

But how are we to live a spiritual life instead of a carnal, sinful life? How are we to put out the evil and put in the good in our lives? Dependence upon self is not a sure remedy. Personal power is often great in exalting good and dethroning evil, but no man can make himself a perfectly good man or free himself from all sinful habits. Hence we must look beyond human power for that which is successful, and we find the remedy in the power of God in Christ. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Conversion is the first step in the substitution of good habits for bad. The soul must be regenerated. Convicted of sin, we must seek forgiveness for our sins, and then, by the grace and power of God, "die unto sin and live unto righteousness."

BIBLE READINGS.

Ex. xx, 1-17; Deut. xi, 22-23; Josh. xxiv, 14-28; Ps. xxxiv, 12-14; xxxvii, 27; Prov. iii, 1-10; Isa. i, 16-20; Rom. xii, 9; I Thess. v, 21, 22; Heb. xii, 1, 2.

Its Militant Friends.

The following extract is from a recent timely editorial in a Boston weekly:

"From the start Christian Endeavor has been a movement of and within the churches, officered in all its unions mainly by the pastors and controlled by them in every particular of pledge, constitution, committees and methods. The pastors that believe in interdenominational young people's work, in definite and distinct young people's work and in young people's work based on the solid verities of Christ are many

and influential. They have recognized it as their battle the battle for wise, liberal, progressive, Christian methods of training the young for Christ.

"Never, we think, as during recent months has this friendship of the great body of the pastors been shown so powerfully, readily and helpfully. Readers have noticed in how many directions Christian Endeavor has lately been attacked. But always defenders have arisen in the very denomination from which the attack comes. If it is a speech there are a dozen indignant speeches in reply. If it is a newspaper article the editor is bombarded with letters of reprobation. And these replies have always been spontaneous, not prompted in any way by the United society office.

"This is as it should be. Christian Endeavor stands for principles that are worth defending. Its fall would mean infinite loss to the church. Its continual progress and wise evolution will mean the progress of the church, because it will mean the progress of her young. The advocates of narrow sectarianism are many, and the workers at Christian Endeavor headquarters are very few, but the friends of Christian Endeavor are very many, and upon them we rely for continued victory."

Never Better Than Today.

Now and then a local Endeavor society gives up the ghost, as it ought to. There are churches where an Endeavor society is as much out of place as a thrashing machine would be in a girls' dormitory. But the movement was never represented by so many societies or so many members as today. And these members were never doing such practical, definite work for Christ and the church as they are doing today. Aye, Christian Endeavor is "passing." Let friends of youthful energy and progress fall in. Others may stand aside and see it "pass."—Rev. Dr. David James Burrell.

Irish Endeavor.

Great extension meetings are under way at Cork, Skibbereen, Waterford, Limerick, Athlone and Sligo. Miss M. Jennie Street, Rev. J. F. Horsefield and Mr. W. R. Davies, a veteran extensionist in the north of England, are to help.

Lurgan has an Endeavor cycle club that makes weekly runs and holds open air meetings.

The Methodists gained 130 societies last year.

One town has been organized for united temperance work through Endeavor.

Endeavor In the Isle of Man.

There are now fifteen Christian Endeavor societies and six Junior Endeavor societies on the Isle of Man, with a total membership of 676.

Nebraska Juniors.

In Nebraska 125 boys and girls from the Junior Endeavor societies united with the churches during 1903.

New Secretary For India.

Endeavorers of two continents will be interested in the new secretary of the Christian Endeavor force of India. His name is Halliwell. Rev. Herbert Halliwell, and he was the successful and honored pastor of the Baptist church in Walsingham, England, when called to this new and responsible field of labor.



REV. H. HALLIWELL.

It was my pleasure to meet Mr. Halliwell at the recent great convention in London, and to say I was pleased with the choice that has been made for India but mildly expresses my sentiments.

Mr. Halliwell appeared to me earnest, sensible, approachable, dignified, but not reserved; ready, but not officious; spiritual, but not sanctimonious; sincere, but not brusque; modest, but not unwilling to take his proper place and to do his rightful work. If "the conversion of India is to be hastened by a whole generation by the introduction of the Christian Endeavor movement," as the veteran missionary and author, Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, avers, then in this glorious consummation Rev. Herbert Halliwell, the new secretary, will have a large and honored part.—Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D.

A Talent Social.

The Endeavorers of the Central Christian church, New Albany, Ind., have given a "talent social," every member of the society being asked to bring or send to the social something that represented his or her especial talent. It was interesting not only to guess what the symbols represented, but also to learn what each member of the society considered his talent to be. A sale was held of the articles that were brought in, and \$15 was raised, the amount being sent to India for the support of an orphan for a year.

A Business Meeting In Prison.

A prison Endeavorer in the Frankfort (Ky.) state prison sends to an outside worker a very suggestive account of the way they hold business meetings in their society. "Instead of going through the same old routine," he says, "we first have read the written reports, and then after sentence prayers the roll is called, the secretary pausing long enough after each name to allow the member to take some part in the meeting. You would be surprised to see how many respond. Some offer short prayers or a testimony; others read Scripture verses or extracts from papers. The members of the choir usually sing."

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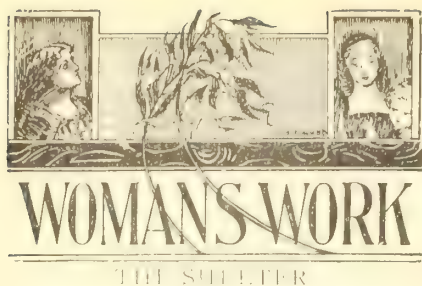
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The annual meeting of the committee was held recently and reports of the work presented. The Shelter has had a very successful year and many needy cases have been relieved. Over 200 women and children have been cared for; forty-nine women and eighteen children have remained for periods from one to ten or more weeks, while others were given temporary lodgings. More than 13,000 meals were served during the year.

On Nov. 2, the annual reception by the ladies of the committee was given and more than one hundred friends of the work were received. The Home was thrown open to the inspection of the guests and many expressed approval at its neat and homelike appearance. The parlor was profusely decorated with beautiful flowers, the gift of interested friends.

On the evening of October 20, a very pleasant surprise was planned by twenty-four present and former inmates of the Home. From meager wages and with real self-denial these girls had saved from week to week small sums until they were able to purchase a nice rug. The Matrons had been invited out and when they returned they found the rug on the floor, tables spread and loaded with good things to eat and a large company of girls and friends of the Shelter gathered in the parlor. A pleasant evening was spent with games, music and recitations. The spirit of love and self-denial that prompted the gift is greatly appreciated by the managers.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

November 8, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their regular meeting in G. A. R. hall. There was a good attendance.

After the devotional service, which was led by Mrs. Forbes, the time was filled by hearing reports of the several committees who served at the State Convention. Much enthusiasm was in evidence over the Convention and its results. That much good for the cause of temperance will follow, is the hope and desire of all the members.

Mrs. Charles W. Pickett, who died suddenly while delivering an address, was a valued member of the Sunshine Society and is most gratefully remembered for the inspiration she had been to her fellow workers. Her address, "How Far a Smile Can Travel," given at the State meeting of the Society, will be long remembered.

The Society will very gladly welcome anything in the nature of Christmas gifts, as it is the policy to begin early to provide happiness for many in the holiday season.

The Children's Aid Society gave a two days' fair on Thursday and Friday, November 10-11, in Jewell Hall, which was successful to an unusual degree. Nearly five hundred dollars was cleared in the two days.

The Children's Aid Society is now hoping to accumulate enough to enable the erection of a new school house at the home in Newington. Already a good sum is in hand and it is hoped the amount will grow rapidly.

At the regular meeting of the Hartford branch of the W. C. T. U., a unanimous resolution was adopted expressing "sincere thanks to those who so kindly opened their homes for the entertainment of delegates to the recent State Convention; to those who contributed money to defray expenses; to the organists who generously gave their services; to the press for its lengthy and favorable reports; and to all who assisted in making the Convention a success."

This securing of the State Convention of the W. C. T. U. for Hartford, was really a very creditable work for the ladies who accomplished it, as the local membership is small and the work correspondingly great.

The annual fair of the Union for Home Work was held Tuesday of this week, and while the net result is not yet known, the managers are confident that the financial success will at least equal, and probably exceed, the sum raised in former years. The attendance was gratifyingly large. Many took luncheon, which was served from 12 to 2.30, at a charge of 50 cents.

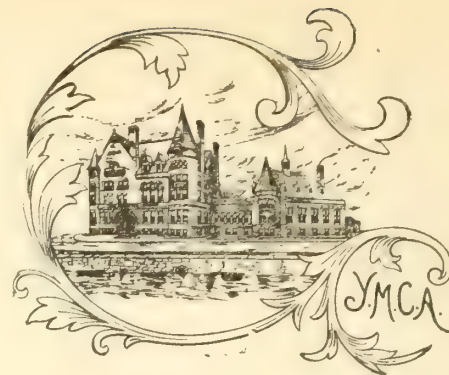
Mrs. Sluyter has returned from her vacation and is entirely recovered from the injury she received some months ago.

The Young Woman's Christian Association has taken up its various classes again and the unusual interest shown in them gives much encouragement to the managers.

The Woman's Exchange is doing its very practical work for women more successfully than ever before. It should be remembered that almost any article, fancy or plain, for domestic use, can be found there, at lower prices usually than in larger stores. At the same time a purchaser there gives encouragement and assistance to many women who earn their living by work sold through the Exchange.

The Hartford Equal Rights Club, at the meeting October 15, was entertained by a talk by Mrs. F. L. Porter of Colorado, upon conditions in her State. She especially maintained that women vote almost universally there, and also that, as a general thing, they vote their own convictions, and this has caused no breaking up of families. These are points which should be emphasized as long as it is possible for a man to publicly maintain the contrary.

Mr. A. H. Pomeroy, 98 Asylum street, has a large and exclusive stock of toys. It is not too early to begin buying now for the holidays. The assortment is the largest in the year and the rush has not begun. As usual, Mr. Pomeroy has several novelties for the season.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The receiving of election returns at the Y. M. C. A. building, November 8, was a new thing and proved to be very successful. A large number of people were present, at times completely filling the large reception room. The building was kept open until midnight. A continuous program was presented by various friends and refreshments were sold by the Social Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The theater meetings for men only have commenced their fourth season. The first meeting was largely attended and the interest was deep. At each one of these meetings there have been one or more young men who have made a start in the Christian life. The influence of this work is far reaching. It is attracting the attention of young men in the suburban towns, many of whom come in to the city to attend the meetings. It also catches the transient men and we occasionally hear of men in other cities who have united with the church as a result of attending one or more of these meetings.

Now that the political excitement is over the regular work at the building is increasing in attendance and interest. The Current Topic Club has proven a success and will be continued, meeting once a month during the winter. The Bible study classes are growing each week in attendance. An increased number of men are each week entering the gymnasium and joining the Hillyer Institute classes. The Boys' Department is fully alive and the Bible study club for this season is proving a great success.

The annual dinner of the International Committee was held in New York City, November 17. This was one of the most important gatherings of the entire year and was attended by prominent men from all parts of the country. The Hartford Association was represented on this occasion by Mr. J. Allen Wiley of the Board of Management, and Mr. N. H. Jacks, the General Secretary.

Special meetings were conducted the week of November 13-19, under the leadership of W. E. Fenno. Meetings were held every night at the building and at the noon hour in some of the factories.

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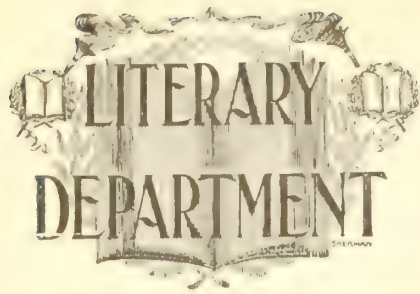
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"The Century" announces a great fiction year for 1905. In December will appear the opening instalment of Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice's "Sandy," the story of a young Scotch-Irish boy who comes to America in search of his fortune. The scene is for the most part laid in a country town in Kentucky. Later in the year will be printed a new novel by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and the list of short-story writers which "The Century" announces includes the names of Rudyard Kipling, Anthony Hope, Jack London, Marion Crawford, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Elizabeth Robins, Owen Wister, and an unusual number of those who have made a success in fiction.

The December "Delineator" will be welcomed in every home. The fashion pages are unusually attractive, illustrating and describing the very latest modes in a way to make their construction during the busy festive season a pleasure instead of a task, and the literary and pictorial features are of rare excellence. A selection of Love Songs from the Wagner Operas, rendered into English by Richard de Gallienne and beautifully illustrated in colors by J. C. Leyendecker, occupies a prominent place, and a chapter in the Composers' Series, relating the Romance of Wagner and Cosima, is an interesting supplement to the lyrics. There are short stories from the pens of F. Hopkinson Smith, Robert Grant, Alice Brown, Mary Stewart Cutting and Elmore Elliott Peake.

The late Senator Hoar was a man whose personality was made up of many contradictions. Yet in spite of them he was, says Joseph M. Rogers, in his intimate article on Senator Hoar in the November number of "The Booklovers Magazine," "a great character who has had few equals in our public life." It is to the everlasting credit of the Bay State that she kept such a man at Washington for thirty years as her representative.

"Election Night in a Great Newspaper Office" is the title of a thrilling and up-to-date article in the November Woman's Home Companion. It gives readers a valuable idea how the election returns are collected and dispersed.

The sixteenth annual holiday book number of "The Outlook" will surpass in point of beauty and interest any special number of this popular magazine ever published, and like previous book numbers will be welcomed as an authority by those who wish

to know what to read. This number will have a beautiful special cover, designed by F. C. Gordon, and printed in full colors.

From the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work come two pamphlets, one of which, entitled "Forms and Services," gives a partial report of the Special Committee on Forms and Services, as approved by the General Assembly of 1904.

The second book is "Sabbath-School Teacher-Training Course — First Year."

Irma and Nap. By Helen Leah Reed. 248 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.25.

A brightly written story about children from eleven to thirteen years of age, who live in a suburban town, and attend a public school. The story is full of incidents of school and home life. Irma and Gertrude, the two girl characters, and Nap, a pet dog, have adventures of various kinds, which will hold a young reader in close interest.



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IDA M. TARBELL.

Author of "The History of the Standard Oil Company," which has been running in "McClure's Magazine."

When the King Came. By George Hodges. 399 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.25.

This is an earnest and realistic view of the events and teachings of the life of Christ in their true sequence, according to the best conclusions of modern scholarship, its purpose being to bring the past into the present and make the gospel narrative more intelligible to children.

It is said that the stories herein contained have stood the test of being read aloud from manuscript to children for ten years, and are now for the first time offered to the public.

Scientific Aspects of Mormonism, or Religion in Terms of Life. By Nels L. Nelson. 347 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.75.

This is a new exposition of Mormonism by one whose sincerity seems

obvious throughout the text, even were there occasion to suspect differently. With the calmest of reasoning and strong logic, the author endeavors to prove the consistency of his beliefs with all the deeper truths that scientific or religious research reveals.

If it were not for the faults and excesses that have accompanied the external progress of the Mormons, the author's earnestness and argument would be more effective than they are likely to prove.

Education of the Wage Earners. By Thomas Davidson. 247 pages, 12mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price, 75 cents.

This contribution toward the solution of the educational problem of the wage-earner opens with the proof of the inadequacy of our present educational system in meeting the real needs of the people.

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The Search. By E. P. Weaver. 224 pages, 12mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price, \$1.25.

An adventurous boy, who makes his way from London to the old frontier in the colonial years of the 18th century, is the hero of this stirring tale. It is not unlike, in plot, other similar stories, but its pictures of the wilderness of Western New York and Pennsylvania are vivid ones.

The story is illustrated by Lance-lot Speed.

The Records. By Cyrus Townsend Brady. 320 pages, 12mo. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co. Price, \$1.50.

The author describes this collection of short stories as "truthful accounts, grave and gay, of the doings of certain real people," and still warns that many of them may sound improbable — even impossible — and must be read with entire realization that they are asserted, none-the-less, to be true in every detail.

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The Three Prisoners. By W. H. Shelton. 202 pages, 12mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price, \$1.25.

Scenes of the Civil War furnish the dramatic background for this story of some boys and a schoolmaster, who become involved in the great dispute in spite of themselves.

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The Pearl and the Pumpkin. By Paul West and W. W. Denslow. 239 pages, small quarto. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co.

This is a wonderful fairy story, which links a fantastic past with the present day, by a most fascinating chain of events. Besides the little hero and heroine, intimate acquaintance is made with the shades of "The Ancient Mariner," "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," "The Corn Dodger," "Davy Jones," the "Piemán" and others.

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The pictures, in four colors, are by the famous illustrator of "The Wizard of Oz," and appear on nearly every page.

many adventures, centering around the discovery of a salt deposit on the farm by some surveyors, who plot to turn the knowledge to their own advantage.

The story is illustrated with excellent drawings by Bertha C. Day.

The Island Camp, or the Young Hunters of Lakeport. By Captain Ralph Bonehill. 321 pages, 12mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.25.

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The Book and the Land. By R. W. Van Schoick, D. D. 253 pages, 12mo. New York: Eaton & Mains. Price \$1.00.

The author gives a plain account of an interesting journey through Palestine, in which it was his aim to observe all that held significance to the Christian people of the world.

The idea and the executed plan are not new, but the very simplicity and brevity of this story makes it of a value not found in many such works. Its reverent spirit gives impressiveness as well as interest to the story, which is illustrated by good photographic reproductions, one of which we are enabled to reproduce in our columns.



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From "The Book and the Land."

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In the Miz. By Grace E. Ward. 159 pages, square octavo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price, \$1.50.

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The White Crystals. By Howard R. Garis. 243 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

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"Sequil" to the Real Diary of a Real Boy. By Henry A. Shute. 189 pages, 16mo. Boston: The Everett Press. Price, 75 cents.

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Rose in Bloom. By Louisa M. Alcott. 344 pages, 8vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$2.00.

Issued in the same new edition as the volume described above, much the same comment would apply to both.

"Rose in Bloom" is a sequel to "Eight Cousins," and is not quite so widely known by name, yet it is considered by many a finer and more interesting story than its predecessor.

Miss Richards has drawn strikingly beautiful and sympathetic illustrations for this volume.

How the United States Became a Nation. By John Fiske. 251 pages. Boston: Boston Ginn & Co. Price \$1.25.

This is one of the best short histories of the United States, for it condenses in a few pages all the story of men and measures which affected strongly the growth of our nation.

The infinite care that Professor Fiske always devoted to his work is evidenced here—the interest and vividness he gave to his writings is equally an attraction in this story.

The illustrations, while numerous, are chosen for their actual significance and interest. Through the courtesy of the publishers, we are enabled to reproduce two of them on this page.

The Good of the Wicked. Owen Kilgore. 138 pages, 16mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co.

Sometime since "My Mamie Rose" was reviewed in these columns. As it was a somewhat auto-biographical story and characterized by pathos to a large extent, such a versatile showing as is made by this new book was unlooked for.

Some of the author's newspaper sketches and a hitherto unpublished story, "The Good of the Wicked," make up his new volume. There is humor and happy wit, as well as keen philosophy and wisdom in the different sketches.

The Book of Clever Beasts; Studies in Unnatural History. By Myrtle Reed. 231 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

From the tenderness of feeling and the beauty of sentiment of the "Love Letters of a Musician," "Lavender and Old Lace" and "The Master's Violin," to this new book, is a long trail for any author to travel. Hence there is a slight shock and surprise at the absolute irreverence and lack of seriousness of this bit of satirical foolery.

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To read about "Jagg, the Scootaway Goat," "Hoop-La," "Kitchi-Kitchi, the Squirrel" and "Hoot Mon, the Owl" is a joy without abatement.

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Chatterbox for 1904. By Various Authors. 412 pages, small quarto. Boston: Dana Estes & Co. Price, \$1.25.

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Sermonettes. By Félicité de Lamennais. 107 pages, 16mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price 80 cents.

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From Fiske's "How the United States Became a Nation."

Ginn & Company, Publishers.

Balance, the Fundamental Verity. By Orlando J. Smith. 286 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.25.

The philosophy of this work is of that style which appeals directly to every reader, not vague or involved in its propositions, but clean cut, clear and convincing. It is well the author is so plain, for he has a message of vital interest to everyone interested in social, scientific or religious progress.

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Deacon Lysander. By Sarah P. McLean Greene. 223 pages, 16mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.25.

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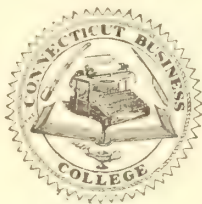
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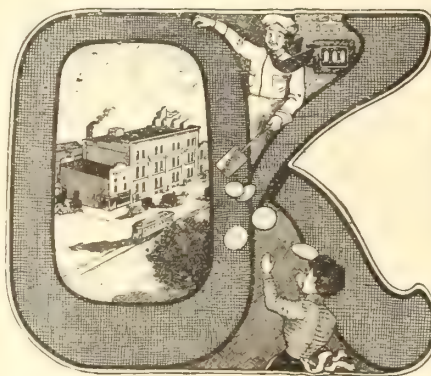


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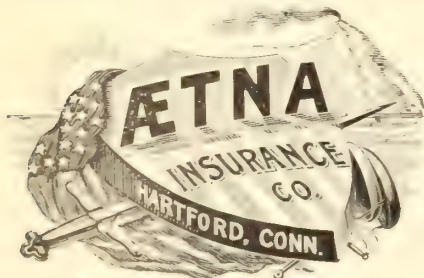


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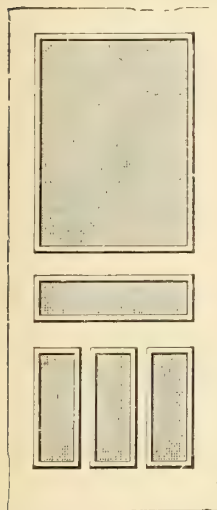
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THE HOLY CITY.

By Rev. George M. Stone, D. D.

At Bethel.

By horse from Peter's lake to Jordan
plain,
We met the dawn at Bethel, to be-
hold
Another morn, when rose the Moslem
fane
Where erst Jehovah's temple shone
in gold.

At Jacob's Bethel, Sacred trysting-
place,
The house of God and gate elysian;
Age-long, footsore, have pilgrims of
his race
Felt high and tearful rapture o'er
this vision.

On Olivet.

Days pass, until at eventide we stand,
With Olivet beneath our weary feet.
Here once, the center of a little band,
He gazed on temple, tower and
street.

We looked below on brook and gar-
den wall,
While holy Bethany behind us lay;
And oh, how sad, before us, over all,
Rose hall and temple site, and Cal-
vary.

From Jaffa Gate.

Last solemn gaze of all, from that
thronged gate,
That westward looks toward the
classic sea.
O Salem! fadeless glories yet await
Thy resurrection and thy jubilee!

Though Gentile dust defile the great
King's throne,
Rock founded still is its eternal
base,
And his lost tribes, recalled from
every zone,
Shall here behold unveiled the King
of Grace.

OLD WINDSOR.

Retrospective and Photographic.

By Charles Franklin Olin.

Skirted by the winding, silvery sheen
of the Connecticut and broad acres of
verdant meadow, divided by the nar-
row course of the Farmington, whose
waters are presently to merge with
those of the greater river, stands
Windsor upon the hills, her thorough-
fares crowned with the homes of the
prosperous and thrifty. Older than
the nation by a century and a half,
this Cambridge of Hartford com-
mands the affection and reverence of
the Saxon world, because of her
wealth of historic achievement and the
honor of her sons.

The soft waves of the Connecticut,
stealing in from the Sound, kiss shores

around which center much of the vital
history of the land in its most uncer-
tain stage. Saybrook, Wethersfield,
Hartford and Windsor owe their pres-
ent honorable positions in history to
this river, within whose arms are held
romance and tragedy, patriotism and
ambition, joys and pains, and a great
wealth of unwritten story of centuries.
No spot upon her picturesque shores
is more closely associated with the
pages of early history than grand old
Windsor. Each hill is crowned with
a distinguished memory. Its acres are
jeweled with happy reminiscences.
Could the rocks and trees speak of
the past the Saxon world would halt
and listen. The cold clear waters of
the river whisper to him, who hears
aught, of the time a little more than
two and a quarter centuries backward
when Captain William Holmes with
a few other men (who had landed at



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,



THE OLD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH-YARD.

Plymouth but thirteen years before from the good ship *Mayflower*), sailed carefully up its length, pluckily disregarding the threats of the Dutch commandant of the fort at Hartford, and landing at Windsor, erected a frame trading house that had been hewed and fashioned at Plymouth, and established the first permanent English settlement in Connecticut—scarcely twenty-six years after Captain John Smith and his little band founded at Jamestown the first English settlement in the United States. The site of the trading house is marked by a boulder, suitably inscribed and erected a few years ago, by the Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Windsor. This boulder stands about a mile southeast of the “meeting house” on what is called “the island,” and designates where the first frame house in Connecticut was located.

The venture of Captain Holmes was made principally because of the persistency with which certain Indian chiefs had represented the country to be rich in opportunity for agricultural development and trading. The Pequots had been successfully aggressive against these chiefs and their anxiety for the coming of the white man was undoubtedly because of their desire to secure as allies the mysterious flint-locks, the possession of which by the whites held the savages in check for many years.

Holmes brought with him several banished Indians who had taken refuge in Massachusetts. The further fact that the Pequots were on friendly terms with the Dutch at Hartford created an excellent cause for apprehension of danger by the Holmes party. However, the vessel that brought them was sent back home and other Colonists from Plymouth followed within a few months; among them the son of Governor William Bradford, whose letters to his father, recently discovered, have thrown much light upon the trials and experiences of the Holmes party.

The meadow in the vicinity of where the trading house stood is

known to this day as the Plymouth Meadow.

The towns of Windsor, Hartford, and Wethersfield possess the unique distinction of being the first towns in America to be settled by Colonists coming overland. The Plymouth colony had been established but two years when a company of men, women and children from Dorchester arrived, after that hard and memorable journey through the wilderness, and claimed possession. The Indians about Windsor had never been numerous, but the few there were had been most friendly with the Plymouth people; hence the greeting accorded the Dorchester Saxons was far from being cordial.

About the same time a considerable company, known to history as the Francis Stiles party, arrived from England, sent hither by Sir Richard Saltonstall, one of the patentees of

Connecticut. A three-cornered dispute for the control of the land immediately ensued. The Dorchester people built their cabins on the bank overlooking the Plymouth Great Meadows. The Stiles party settled a little to the north, being, however, practically a part of the Dorchester colony. The land involved was that between the meadows and what is now known as the Windsor Plain, a barren stretch of sandy soil two miles west of the present center. This land came to be known as “The Lord’s Waste,” a name given it by some wit of the Dorchester colony because of the persistent defense of the Plymouth leaders that the Providence of God had led them hither, given them right of possession, and in His name they proposed to maintain ownership. Two years elapsed before the dispute was settled, the Plymouth colony being practically forced to abdicate.

The power of attorney to sell out to the Dorchester people all but one-sixteenth of the land and the trading house finally was forwarded to Captain Holmes from Plymouth in an elaborate document signed by all the dignitaries of the Puritan community. The heroic Plymouth company speedily departed for the home they had left four years before, where no doubt they found it easier to serve God in temporal things.

This tract was forty-five miles in circumference; yet once a year the able-bodied men were ordered out with spades and axes to “run the boundary lynnes” by piling heaps of earth and notching the trees. It is related that little difficulty was experienced in securing a full company of men after liquor was provided them at the expense of the public treasury. The breaking of twigs and the heaping of dirt were the common methods of indicating the boundaries of individual grants or purchases. The tract embraced the present towns of Windsor, East Windsor, South Windsor, Ellington, Windsor Locks, Bloomfield, and a part (if not all) of Sims-



TOMBSTONE OF F. H. H. H. H.



THE OLD WOODEN BRIDGE OVER THE FARMINGTON.

bury. The Dorchester settlement was what is now the northern section of the present town of Windsor. About this time the name of the town was changed "by order of the court," from Dorchester Plantation to Windsor. It does not appear what particular reason there was for favoring the name of Windsor. The supposition is that, following the usual custom of the Colonists of naming new settlements after prominent towns in England (the mother country), the preference in this case was Windsor, a name that had not hitherto been chosen on the American continent.

It is variously stated that there was but one Colonist killed by Indians, and again, that there were several. Be that as it may there were numerous alarms and early in the history of the settlement a palisade was built for protection of the Colonists against attack. This enclosure contained a town house and embraced the territory now occupied, as then, by the Congregational church and cemetery, the triangular plot of ground at the fork of the roads just north of the church, and the land in the immediate vicinity. The triangular plot is now called Palisado Green and was the site of the public house or "Towne House", as it was called. Within the palisade, plots of ground were assigned the heads of households. Upon some of them houses were built for either temporary or permanent occupancy.

An interesting fact in this connection is that Matthew Grant, the American ancestor of General and President U. S. Grant, and Thomas Dewey, in the same relationship to Rear-Admiral George Dewey—forefathers of the distinctive heroes of the most important wars in which the country was involved in the nineteenth century—had plots on either side of the town house.

Of Dewey little is recorded that throws any light upon his character or position in the colony. Matthew Grant, however, was the church and town clerk and his records have been

commended as being the best of those of the colonial period anywhere in existence. These records are a study by themselves. They are now in the possession of the town at the clerk's office. But for some reason, and contrary to the action of other old towns of New England fortunate in having old records in hand, small effort has been made to preserve them against decay and mutilation. The edges are already crumbling and some leaves are badly torn. At an expense of not more than \$500 these records could be placed in excellent condition, preserving them for almost an indefinite period of time.

The church records are of even greater value, from a historical point of view. From them we learn, for instance, that in 1640 the adult male members of the Windsor settlement were:

Henry Wolcott, Esq., William

Phelps, John Whitfield, Humphrey Pinney, Deacon John Moore, Deacon Wm. Gaylord, Lieut. Wm. Filer, Matthew Grant, Thomas Dibble, Mess. Newberry, Roger Ludlow, Esq., Joseph Loomis, Jno. Loomis, Jno. Porter, William Hill, James Marshall, John Tayler, Edw. Pomeroy, S. Phelps, Nathan Gilbert, Richard Vose, Abraham Randall, Bigot Eglestone, Geo. Phelps, Thos. Ford, Edw. Griswold, John Bissell, Thos. Holcomb, Dan'l Clark, Peter Tilton, Robert Watson, Stephen Terry, Bray Rosseter, Thos. Dewey, William Hurlburt, Roger Williams, Nicholas Denslow, William Hosford, Aaron Cook, Elias Parkman, Thomas Stoughton, Owen Ludor, Captain John Mason, Matthew Allen, Richard Oldage, Henry Stiles, William Hayden, George Philips, Return Strong, Jno. Hillyer, Thomas Barber, Nicholas Palmer, Thomas Buckland, Isaac Shelden, Thomas Bascomb, Thomas Thornton.

This list establishes the fact beyond dispute that Windsor furnished in the person of Captain John Mason, the heroic leader of the small band of eighty Colonists, who, with some Indians, stole in upon the Pequots at their fort at Groton and defeated them decisively, notwithstanding they outnumbered their assailants.

Windsor people, learned in the history of the town, say that smallpox and the Pequots had all but entirely finished the Indians in the vicinity of Windsor by the time the white man arrived. They assert that but one man of the Colonists was killed by the copper-hued natives, and he in the present town of Windsor Locks during the time of King Philip's war. The exact spot of the tragedy is claimed to have been where a stone, properly inscribed, has been placed in recent years on the Webb farm.

The following memorandum from Grant's records probably refers to the deaths of Windsor Colonists, who fought in the King Philip's War:

"Here I set down the Deaths of several persons that were against the Indians, and were wounded that they



THE TOMBSTONE OF ROGER WILLIAMS.

died, it was on the 10th day of December 1675. Corporal Marsh, Edward Chapman, Ebenezer Dible, Nathaniel Pond, Richard Saxton."

Another entry relates the manner in which John Drake, Sr., met his death.

"August 17 1659 John Drake Senr. Dyed accidentally, as he was Driving a Cart, Loaded with corn to carry from his house to his Son Jacob's, the cattle being 2 oxen and his mare in the highway against John Griffen's. Something Scard the Cattle and they Set a running, and he Labouring to Stop them, by taking hold on the mare, was thrown down on his face and the Cart wheels went over him: brake one of his Legs, and bruised his body. So that he was taken up Dead, being carried into his Daughter's house, had Life come again but Dyed in a Short time, and was buried on the 18th day of August 50."

The Congregational church edifice, of strictly plain colonial architecture, with tall columns in front and a square steeple, stands, as do nearly all of the really old churches in New England, on a hill, at the end of the wind-swept causeway, which terminates with the old covered bridge across the Farmington river. The simple structure, so symbolic of the manner of worship in days gone by, is in one respect at least the most interesting of any church in America, in that it has been for more than a century the home of the oldest Congregational church in the New World, and the second of all now in existence on this planet. As the church is somewhat removed from the center of the town it is utilized for worship only on the Sabbath. A chapel erected some years since at the south end of the causeway is much more convenient of access, in winter especially,



THE MEADOW GATE.

Photo. by H. W. Benjamin.

obviating the necessity of crossing the causeway, which is certainly one of the most bleak and uncomfortable places in cold weather to be found anywhere in the state. The church edifice is larger than the usual country church, and it is practically a hundred and four years old, although the interior of it was remodeled fifty-odd

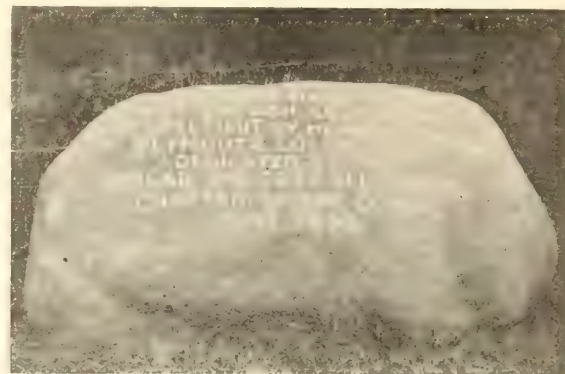
sermons in this very structure, with no heat in the room but that saved from the body by closely buttoned great-coats and tightly drawn wraps. The incident referred to is not only unique, but remarkable, and will bear reciting. It happened on a day a few years ago when Mr. N. W. Hayden, with others, was in the church decorating the audience room for the coming observance of the one-hundredth anniversary of its dedication. Mr. Hayden was in the gallery. Presently his foot struck an object underneath the uncushioned seat. He brought the article to light and was surprised to find that it was an old foot-warmer, such as people carried to church before the days of stoves and furnaces. Covered with the dust of decades, it was indeed an interesting relic.

The well-kept churchyard is made sacred by the last physical evidences of the lives and activities of Windsor's distinguished sons, whose names are not alone graven on the weather-beaten stones reared above their dust, but illumine the most precious pages of our nation's history. Here, more than any place else in the old town, is the past—even down to the very beginning of the commonwealth—most real. One's feelings can be better imagined than expressed when confronted with these ancient epitaphs and the knowledge that beneath one's feet repose the mortal remains in their original elements, of many who so long ago migrated hither through forest and thicket, enduring severe pain and hardship with Christian courage. Yonder, for instance, is a most noteworthy grave in that the oblong stone that marks it is the oldest in America, having been erected in 1648. It has been partially restored, but the inscription stone is the identical one placed in position two hundred and



WHERE THE BROOK AND RIVER MEET.

Photo. by H. W. Benjamin.



BOULDER MARKING SITE OF TRADING HOUSE.

years ago. It occupies the same site as its predecessors, from the time when Rev. John Warham's congregation was called to worship by the beating of drums, the men coming with guns on their shoulders, ready to defend their homes and loved ones from the Indians.

Had we record of the prayers that have been offered on this particular spot we would undoubtedly find them eloquent with the anxieties and the thanksgivings of the people throughout the entire history of America. It was only recently that the days were recalled when the God-fearing people of the community sat through long

fifty-two years ago. It marks the burial place of Ephraim Huit, the first teacher in the Windsor colony. The concluding line of the epitaph has been the subject of much speculation, and thus far no one has succeeded in explaining its meaning. The inscription reads:

Here Lyeth

EPHRAIM HUIT

sometimes teacher to ye church of

Windsor, who dyed September

4th, 1644.

Who when hee lived wee drew our
vital breath,
Who when hee dyed, his dying was
our death,
Who was ye stay of state, ye churches
staff;
Alas, the times forbid an epitaph.

The burial-place of Roger Wolcott, who, one historian says, was Connecticut's only governor that never attended school, is marked by a flat stone, upon which the following words are graven:

Here Lyeth the body of the
Hon. Roger Wolcott, Esq.
of Windsor, who for several years
was Governor of the Colony of Con-
necticut died May 17.
Aetatis 89
Anno Salutis 1767.
Earth's highest station ends in
"Here he lies"
And dust to dust concludes her
noblest song.

The Oliver Ellsworth monument of white marble, marking the graves of the distinguished jurist and diplomat and his good wife, attract attention. Especially noticeable are the elaborate inscriptions recording the various honorable offices filled by the second Chief Justice of the United States, and giving a pronounced eulogy on his wife.

Of course there are many of these interesting tombstones. The epitaphs are worth a visit to the churchyard, and many of them will bring a smile to the countenance of the most serious-minded. There is unmistakable evidence that many of the early people of Windsor lie in unmarked graves in this yard. Matthew Grant and Thomas Dewey were buried here, but where it is impossible to say.

From the earliest days until now the cemetery has been in charge of the "First School Society," a name by which the voters of six of the ten present school districts are known. These voters annually elect the cemetery trustees. Another colonial institution that has been perpetuated until the present time is what is called the "Academy Fund." The original amount of this fund is not known. At present, however, it amounts to about \$2,000, and the income from it is used for the payment of part of the expense of the town high school. The present high school is located, by the way, in the handsome brick graded school building, the site of which was a portion of the grant owned by Roger Ludlow, the brilliant political lawyer of colonial times, who, with Thomas Hooker, the Hartford preacher, drafted the original and famous Constitution of Connecticut.

The school bears his name, notwithstanding that after a brief residence in Windsor he preferred to return to England, where he ended his days as an upright magistrate of the realm.

A glance over the extensive list of Windsor's notable citizens in her earliest days brings one almost to the conclusion that whenever a leader through hard places was wanted the Colonists turned to Windsor. And subsequent history demonstrates the wisdom of their choice. Indeed, by virtue of the service of her sons the

name of the old town is interwoven with every fiber of American history as developed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

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FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

A number of new features have been introduced into the Sunday-school of the church, under the leadership of Mr. E. C. Knapp, superintendent. The first Sunday of the month is made a rally day, when all the departments except the Primary, are assembled, and the service is made particularly interesting.

Three boys' clubs have been organized and a club of the girls of the Intermediate department. A number of classes, also, have been organized as clubs.

On December 18, a booklet is issued, called the "Sunday-School Herald of the Fourth Church," in which account is given of all these organizations and the various forms of activity among the young people. It contains a large number of portraits and groups of workers in the church and much information about church activities.

The events of the holiday season are as follows: Handel's Oratorio of the Messiah will be given by the choir on Friday evening, December 23, and Sunday evening, December 25, assisted by instruments from the Beeman-Hatch orchestra and the following soloists: Miss Angel Agnes Choupourian, soprano; Mrs. Virginia P. Marwick, contralto; Mr. Charles E. Prior, Jr., tenor; Mr. Egbert L. Couch, bass, Mr. Howard E. Brewer, organist, and Mrs. E. G. Lathrop, pianist. Mr. Ralph L. Baldwin, music director of the church, will conduct.

Admission to each performance will be by tickets, distributed free. The offering on Friday evening will be used for the reduction of the church debt. The offering on Sunday evening will be for the expenses of the service. A limited number of tickets for the Friday evening performance may be had at the music stores on Monday, December 19. Tickets for the Sunday evening service can be had at the music stores on Saturday, December 24.

On Monday evening, December 26, a Christmas Cantata will be given by the Sunday-school. About seventy-five boys and girls will take part. It will be a dramatic presentation of the

Christmas story, entitled, "Holy Night."

Wednesday afternoon, December 28, a Christmas tree and entertainment will be given for the Primary department of the Sunday-school.

On Monday evening, January 2, the annual pastor's New Year's reception will be held in the chapel.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A reception to the rector's assistant, Rev. Mr. Danker, was held in City Mission hall on Tuesday evening, December 13. The rector and others, who arranged the evening, were agreeably surprised at the number who attended in spite of the stormy weather.

The hall of the Knights of Pythias has been secured for the boys' meetings and drills.

The Mutual Aid Association of the Hartford Street Railway employees has accepted the rector's invitation to join with us in our public worship on Sunday night, December 18. This is the result of the rector's interest in the Association, and when he proposed the special service, his suggestion was warmly received.

On December 18 an offering for a Christmas dinner fund for the needy ones of the parish will be received.

Rev. Mr. Danker has inaugurated a special line of work in the interest of the boys of the church, and is receiving subscriptions toward the work.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

An unusually interesting service was that held on Sunday, November 20, which our pastor had appropriated to the young people. The Boys' Brigade attended in a body, occupying front seats. The theme was, "An Anchor of the Soul."

In the evening of the same day, Chaplain E. B. Dillingham of Hartford addressed a large audience in the chapel on "Prodigals in Prisons."

The members of the congregation united with the Baptist church in its service on Thanksgiving day.

The sermon which our pastor preached on Sunday morning, November 27, was one that will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing it. It dealt particularly with the Blessings of Old Age, the text being, "Even Down to Old Age."

Miss Belle Mix of Danville, Ill., gave a very impressive address at the meeting of the Temperance League on Sunday evening, November 27. Mr. E. E. Linn presided.

The Rev. Louis F. Giroux of Springfield, Mass., at the morning service, December 4, presented in a plain, forcible manner a plea for the French-American College, of which he is registrar. The Bible school promptly responded by a collection amounting to \$10.

The first of a series of meetings to consider the progress of the Kingdom of God in Japan was held on Sunday evening, December 11, with Prof. Curtis M. Geer as leader.

An interesting meeting under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary Society was held in the chapel on Friday afternoon, November 18. The principal feature of the program was the

report of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board, recently held at Providence, R. I., given in a most interesting manner by Miss Flora Hawley. A social hour, with refreshments, followed.

The Men's Union held two meetings in November. At the first, an interesting talk on "Bees and Bee Culture" was given by Rev. D. D. Marsh. At the second meeting, on November 25, the Union organized as a National House of Representatives.

The Christian Endeavor Society elected officers for the coming year at a meeting held on Sunday evening, December 4.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Loyal Workers' Society was held December 2, and though there was not much change in officers and committees, there was a plan developed whereby we could help very materially toward the support of one of our missionaries in China. Four names were proposed for membership.

We expect to receive five new members into church fellowship at the next communion, January 1.

November 20, in the evening, a baptismal service was held, there being three candidates.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The choir held its annual sale of home-made cake, candy and fancy articles on Saturday, December 10. Lunch was served from 12 to 2 o'clock. The proceeds will be devoted to the Chapel Improvement fund.

Rev. R. H. Potter addressed the mothers' meeting Thursday, December 1, and preached at the evening service December 11.

The Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 28.

The Hartford Sunday-School Superintendents' Union held its annual meeting at the chapel November 30. The address was given by Mr. E. C. Knapp upon the topic, "Ten Reasons Why the Boy Left Sunday-school." A discussion followed the address.

Mr. Henry E. Rees, superintendent of the Trinity church Sunday-school, spoke to the teachers at their meeting December 6. Mr. Rees had for his subject, "Grading and Graded Work in the Sunday-school." This interesting and instructive address was attentively listened to, while the speaker told us of the ideal and plan which is being worked out in his Sunday-school at Trinity.

Our drinking fountain has been closed for the winter, after its sixth season of silent but efficient service.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

On November 27, a praise service was held, led by Mr. Richard Joslyn and Mr. Henry E. Gage.

November 29, a very enjoyable evening was spent at the Mission. Each one that came brought the dollars they had earned and told how they had earned them. We were told of some very unique ways of earning

money. The collection amounted to \$34.30, the Ladies' Aid Society giving \$10.

Mr. Dennis Gage of Orange, Mass., met with us and gave his share of the talents. Mrs. Murdock brought a bank that she won at a Sunday-school picnic contest last summer. She had kept the bank to be filled for the Mission, and when it was opened it contained \$1.30. The King's Daughters served refreshments during the evening.

Our leaders on Sunday evenings for the past month have been Mr. Hollingshead of West Hartford, Rev. J. W. Bradin and Prof. D. Cranston Brenton of the Trinity Faculty.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church people are like others, busy preparing for Christmas.

The women gave a chicken supper December 7, which was a pleasant and financial success.

The cold weather keeps the elderly ladies from coming to church.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The Boys' Club is well started with a membership of thirty.

The first social of the Federation will be held this week.

The Mission Study Class, on Africa, under the leadership of Mr. Trowbridge of the Hartford Theological Seminary, will begin on Monday evening, January 16, and will cover a course of six weeks. The meetings will be held in the parish house, and everyone is welcome to attend, if they are willing to take their share of the studying. On Sunday evening, January 15, at 7 o'clock, Mr. Trowbridge will give a mission talk on Africa, and especially Mr. Hotchkiss's work there. All are cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday, December 7, Miss May Jones, who is in the Social Settlement work in this city, gave a most interesting talk on what is being done.

The Teachers' Club will hold their first supper on Monday evening, December 12.

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

The young people's society had a very interesting missionary meeting November 27, addressed by a student from the Seminary, who is a native of India. He spoke in costume, and had a very pleasing manner in telling of his own life, and conditions in India.

A week of prayer was observed beginning November 29, at which Mr. Elmer of Winsted spoke for four evenings on the text, "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business." The text was not exhausted, but increased in interest from evening to evening. The Ladies' Social Organization held a Sale in the chapel Tuesday evening, December 6.

Dr. and Mrs. Stone have the sympathy of the church and congregation in the recent afflictions that have come to them in the death of Mrs. Stone's brother, and that of their grand-daughter, Ruth Stone, both occurring the same week.

Dr. and Mrs. Genung united by letter with the church at the last communion service.

The sudden death of the youngest son of Mr. Robert Price from diphtheria, and the sickness of his daughter from the same disease, brings sadness to our Sunday-school, of which they were all members.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The union evangelistic meetings held at the First Methodist church the past two weeks, under the auspices of the four Methodist churches of the city, have been well attended. The music was inspiring and the preaching powerful and uplifting.

In the morning of November 27, the Rev. T. S. Henderson preached in our church, and Mr. Meredith sang.

Three meetings for children under 16, their parents, teachers and friends, were held in the chapel during the two weeks of special services. These meetings were conducted by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Meredith, and proved very attractive and helpful, not only to the children, but to their elders as well.

On Monday, December 19, at 8 p. m., there will be a musicale, under the auspices of the Epworth League, for the benefit of the reading room fund of the Italian church.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

December 2, the Woman's Auxiliary Society held a sale of fancy articles, etc., in the parlors of the church. Among the articles for sale was the canticle written by Dr. Parker for Christmas Sunday, last year. This is now for sale by Mrs. Mitchell of the church, and at Belknap & Warfield's, for 50 cents, with autograph 60 cents. It makes an excellent Christmas gift. The society took in about \$165, which will realize them a nice sum for their mission work.

Sunday evening last, Prof. Pratt of the Theological Seminary spoke at the young people's meeting on the subject of the best and noted hymns and hymn writers, in a very interesting manner.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

A praise service was held on Sunday evening, November 20.

Rev. Mr. Walker addressed the congregation at the Thanksgiving service.

Miss Eastman of New Britain addressed the Women's Foreign Missionary society. She talked of the meeting in Providence, R. I.

The Ladies' Society held a fair and supper December 2. Nearly \$50 was realized. The Sunshine Society also held a fair and gave a free entertainment. They realized \$19.

At the next meeting of the Ladies' Sewing Society a barrel of clothing will be packed for Mrs. Richardson of Marshallville, Ga.

Rehearsals are being held for the Christmas entertainment, and also for Christmas night in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jediah Deming became the parents of a daughter No-

vember 20, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Camp parents of a son December 6.

Mrs. John Fish has been very seriously sick, but is recovering.

We have had beautiful bouquets of chrysanthemums from our pastor's conservatory.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Beginning Monday, December 12, there will be a week of special meetings. Our pastor will speak each evening. His subjects will be, "Crises in the Life of the Saviour." These talks will be illustrated by lantern slides.

The new officers of the Endeavor Society are as follows: President, J. L. Chapman; vice-president, F. W. Minson; secretary, John Mackenzie; treasurer, Miss Mabel Marble; assistant-treasurer, Miss Alice Moses.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold a sale at the church on Tuesday, December 20.

The children of the Sunday-school are preparing a cantata for Christmas. The primary department will hold its entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapters of Hartford held a meeting at the Memorial House on Thursday, December 8. An address was given by Mr. Blogg of New Haven.

The December meeting of the Men's League will be held at the Memorial House Thursday, December 15. The speaker will be the Rev. J. A. Biddle and his subject, "Some Things I Saw in Europe." There will be singing by Miss Hamlin and a lunch served by the Daughters of the King during the evening.

The bowling alleys of the Memorial House have just been repaired and placed in fine shape. A postponed match between the Y. M. C. A. and Men's League teams will be rolled off on Tuesday, December 13.

Preparations are being made to entertain the Sunday-school at its Christmas festival in the Memorial hall.

Carols are being rehearsed and a turkey supper will be furnished the school and its officers.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The night after Thanksgiving the Christian Endeavor Society had a social in the chapel. The decorations were green and red, with the banners of all the colleges draped about. The Girls' Mandolin Club at the High School entertained delightfully, while the evening was spent in games and puzzles. Many young people and strangers were present and every one acknowledged a very pleasant evening, for which we are indebted to our Social Committee: Miss Trumbull, Miss Very, Mr. Robertson, and Miss Smith.

On November 13, Miss Beard of Montgomery, Ala., Industrial School for Girls, addressed the C. E. meeting very profitably. Later on the Mission Circle will send her a box. The Mission Circle is also working for Miss Bartlett of Village street mission.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The tenth anniversary of this church was observed in October. The

anniversary meetings were largely attended and the occasion was much enjoyed.

Evangelistic meetings held in the church during November resulted in a rich blessing to us. Rev. W. E. Scofield of Greenwich and Dr. Theodore S. Henderson of New York, each spent a week with us. The union meetings which followed in the First Methodist church were much enjoyed by our people.

Fifteen persons were received into the church the first Sunday in November and eighteen the first Sunday in December.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The men of our neighborhood have organized a club for social and mutual benefit under the name of the N. Club. Officers have been elected and a constitution and by-laws adopted and the business meeting will be held the second Monday in January.

The Dramatic Club entertained us last Tuesday with a most enjoyable entertainment, which was well patronized.

The Sunday-school is increasing rapidly at this time of the year. Preparations are well in hand for our Christmas concert.

Our librarian, Miss Helen M. Barchfeld and her assistants, are doing well, but need a few more books.

With the coming of the New Year we hope to make a number of changes. The teachers have voted to take up supplementary work and we hope it will prove attractive to teachers and pupils. We have procured a number of new settees for our Sunday-school room.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The Christmas sale and supper, under the auspices of the Guild, was held December 8 and 9, and was very successful.

The young people are doing good work and are preparing for more aggressive work later in the season.

The Club is to give a box social Thursday evening, December 15.

The children of the Sunday-school are looking forward to the Christmas festival, which is soon to be given.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Major Lamb of the Salvation Army addressed the prayer meeting on November 17.

A prayer and praise service was held on Thanksgiving morning at 10.30, taking the place of the usual Thursday evening prayer meeting.

November 27 the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting was devoted to missions, the subject being: "Possibilities of Thibet." Much useful and instructive information was given concerning this newly opened country.

Sunday morning, December 7, the pastor's sermon was based on these words: "The Last Enemy Conquered" the service being in memory of our senior deacon, H. M. Jacobs, who died recently.

On Tuesday, December 6, from 3 to 10 p. m., a social and sale was held, under the auspices of the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters. A good sum was realized and part of it will go

for the purchase of an organ to be used on the mission field of Burma, where our honored missionary, Dr. Alonzo Bunker formerly labored.

Sunday evening, December 4, the Y. P. S. C. E. elected officers for the six months from January 1, 1905.

Sunday, December 11, Dr. M. H. Pogson occupied the pulpit on his annual visit in the interests of the Baptist Minister's Home of New York city.

The pastor was in Melrose, Mass., last Sunday, to deliver the annual Y. M. C. A. address.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday morning service, December 4, was conducted by the Rev. John Coleman Adams of this city, in exchange with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Peabody.

The Christian Endeavor Society entertained the Northern Section of the C. E. Union in the parish house, December 6. The object was to get acquainted and every one was labelled with their own name. A very enjoyable evening was the result.

NORTH METHODIST.

Owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, the pulpit was occupied, on December 11, by Mrs. Howell in the morning and in the evening by the Rev. Charles Gray, of Wilson.

A large number of our people attended the evangelistic services held at the First Methodist church and we are sure all were much benefited by them.

On the evening of Christmas Sunday the choir will render a Christmas Cantata.

Miss Florence L. Readette has been chosen as president of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The C. E. social was held Monday evening December 12, at the home of Mr. S. E. Wilcox, Wooster street.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL EAST HARTFORD.

A series of Sunday evening services is being held, of great interest. Addresses by Rev. R. H. Potter, Rev. H. E. Peabody and Rev. W. W. Ranney on "The Christian Life" have made a deep impression on large congregations.

A reception to our pastor and his wife was given by the Y. P. S. C. E. last week and was a very social event.

For the church debt fund, suppers have been given by the men's class and by the ladies, cake and candy sales have been held and the play "Breezy Point," given by the ladies, have helped materially in increasing the fund and only a small sum now remains to be raised.

At the India Store, 25 Pearl street, can be found many unique articles splendidly adapted for Christmas gifts, and the prices are entirely reasonable. Managers of church fairs, sales, etc., can find some excellent sellers in their stock, and especially low prices will be given where goods are purchased for such purposes.

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CHRISTMAS.

Every once in a while someone ap-
pears with the complaint that Christ-
mas is going out of fashion. We
don't believe it. There are changes,
to be sure, but then the seasons
change, too. Christmas has too firm
a hold upon us to admit of any very
radical change. The character of the
season is fixed—that is, everyone
agrees that it is a time for the expres-
sion of kindness and cheer—and
when any action comes to the front
which doesn't seem consistent with
that character, everyone feels that
there is something inharmonious. And
so long as the character of a season
has established itself, so that we know
what to expect, then the clothes in
which it arrays itself from time to
time may vary, if they wish, with
varying conditions.

There is Santa Claus! We may
legislate him out of existence. We
may pass resolutions that he really
cannot come around again, because

forsooth he is only a creature of the
imagination, and we have grown too
practical of mind to sympathize with
anything imaginative. But are we
perfectly sure that there is no Santa
Claus? That may not be his name in
his own land, and he may not live at
the North Pole and drive over chim-
neys as though he had wings. But
are we perfectly sure that there is not
an unseen and yet a real influence
which spreads from house to house
and from heart to heart, infecting
those where it comes with kindness,
lighting up a fire in cold places and
leaving tangible traces of its work?
No, we aren't through with Santa
Claus, not even we who no longer
peer into dark corners and lie awake
at night to catch him unawares at his
work. We may agree, if it ever seems
wise, to call him by some other name,
but we want him to keep on living
and coming to us. Is it altogether
fiction to say that Santa Claus did all
the work? And isn't there quite a
bit of fiction in saying that we did it
all? Let us at least give credit where
credit is due, and divide honors with
the spirit of good fellowship and
cheer, and give long life and pros-
perity to the friend of our childhood.

Then there is the giving of gifts.
The custom of presents on the occa-
sion of a birthday is truly a beautiful
one. People regard its possibilities in
different ways, for some prefer to ce-
lebrate their own birthday by giving,
rather than by receiving gifts. But
the idea is the thing, however it be
worked out. The tendency in indi-
viduals or in groups to fall away
from giving gifts is a sad one, and
one that is a poor sign for the future.
It sometimes seems as though the
idea of placing man within reach of
things in this life was to train him in
the way of passing them on; as though
true education was to make men find
out and follow the best means for
so doing. The true spirit of sacrifice
is the spirit of vision which lets go
of one possession, not because that is
the heroic thing to do, but because it
is the natural thing to do, for one who
sees that the gifts of God are an over-
flowing stream, whose influence is lost
as soon as it is blocked. Let the giv-
ing of gifts go on as of old; nay, let
it increase, for he knows best the
meaning of Christmas, not who has
the most, but who has the most to
give.

THE NEW LONDON CONFER- ENCE.

Since our last issue was held the
annual state conference of Congrega-
tional churches of Connecticut. A

gathering of all the members of so
large a body means that certain prob-
lems must be met, and, if possible,
must be properly handled.* One of
those problems—and one of the most
difficult—is the matter of the relation
of the larger and the smaller
churches. Even in Paul's day, at al-
most the first stage of development
of the Christian church, that perplex-
ing matter presented itself for con-
sideration, and moved that essentially
practical-minded adviser to write his
strong words concerning the several
members of the body—some ordained
to greater honor than others. If only
such a thing could be settled once for
all, then Paul's analysis of the situa-
tion could be accepted without fur-
ther question. But it continually cries
for renewed settlement.

The larger churches of the state
naturally have the greater influence,
and oftentimes contribute more to
the material needs of such gatherings.
It may well be a strong temptation
to the program committee to give the
lion's share of the assignments to the
more prominent churches and minis-
ters; and not infrequently program
committees fall before the power of
that temptation. But such action
would be especially unfitting in a
Conference. And it is really a re-
markable tribute to the committee on
this occasion, that such fairness was
observed.

The spirit with which the smaller
churches were recognized was ex-
ceedingly gratifying to anyone who
likes to see the growth in fellowship
among the members of a great organ-
ization.

And this is not all, and perhaps it
isn't the best part of it. For some-
times the smaller members may mis-
interpret the outstretched hand of the
larger ones, and ascribe a spirit of
patronage of those who are sincere
in their desire for fellowship. There-
fore it is with still greater satisfaction
that those who were present observed
the genuine response of the repre-
sentatives of the smaller churches of
the conference.

That is the kind of thing that brings
good results. Theoretically, from the
standpoint of church government, the
Congregational church of any given
locality is on a more independent
basis than almost any other type of
church. But practically, the bond of
union must be there just as much—
and must be felt just as much if
the weakening influences of disinte-
gration are not to hold sway.

If the Congregational churches can
demonstrate always the reality of
union and fellowship, which was
shown at New London, then they can

afford to do without the centralization of government observed by some other sects. But if that demonstration be lacking, then its independence can avail it but little.

On December 11, 1904, the Glenwood Congregational church observed with appropriate ceremonies its tenth anniversary. Not exactly a hoary old age, but ten years of progress is more to be desired than a multitude of years of stagnation. Congratulations to the church on the completion of its first decade, and may each succeeding one be marked by equal or even greater progress.

In making up the Christmas list, do not fail to include some of our local charities, and there are a number of them to select from. Christmas joys center in the home naturally, but it's a good time to enlarge the heart and to include some members of the great human family outside our own kindred and acquaintance.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The Charity Organization Society closed a busy year with its annual meeting, held at Board of Trade rooms on November 30. The special feature of the meeting was an address on the "Modern Movement against Tuberculosis," by Dr. Irving Fisher, professor of political economy at Yale.

At the December meeting of the board of directors of the Charity Organization society a special committee, consisting of William H. Corbin, George G. Williams, Dr. F. T. Simpson, Ernest W. Smith and Miss M. J. Wilkinson, was appointed to consider what should be done to further the anti-tuberculosis movement in Hartford.

Miss Effie Abrams, daughter of Dr. Abrams, is conducting an investigation of tenement houses for the joint tenement house committee.

The Children's Aid Society recently entertained the head workers of about twenty of our local charities. The object of the gathering was social and the promotion of better acquaintance.

Miss Alice Higgins, general secretary of the Boston Associated Charities, gave an interesting and suggestive address, last month, to the Friendly Visitors of the Charity Organization Society at the home of the superintendent, D. I. Green.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Neighbor: "Why do you jog the baby so hard when she's crying?"

Proud Mother: "Sure, it makes her cry with such a beautiful tremmylo."

During the past year, Mr. C. N. Ruedlinger, whose advertisement appears in another column, sold to the department of public parks and Keney park about 1,000 gallons of the solution which he uses in spraying for San Jose scale. Both departments used it with very good success.

Owing to the amount of snow last year, Mr. Ruedlinger found it necessary to postpone spraying operations until late in the winter, and by the time his advance orders were attended to it was so late he had to refuse a great many orders. To insure having your work done at the proper season, orders should be placed now.

Toys, games, knives, skates, sleds and an endless variety of articles to make glad the heart of boys and girls, can be found at A. H. Pomeroy's, 98 Asylum street.

Messrs. C. C. Fuller & Co., 14-18 Ford street, carry an extensive line of furniture and many of their offerings are entirely seasonable. Fancy chairs, writing desks, tables, book cases, etc., are all sterling gifts of permanent value. Call at the store and take a look at some works of art in furniture.

The Hartford-Springfield Conservatory of Music is now located in the Brown-Thompson building, and is better than ever equipped for teaching music. We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Conservatory in this issue. Under the direction of Professor Abell and his capable associates, the Conservatory each year shows marked progress and gain in popular favor.

A fine display of jewelry, watches, silverware, etc., can be seen at Levy's Jewelry Store, 860 Main street. Mr. Levy has made a splendid selection for the holiday trade.

Hartford Christian Endeavor Union.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Endeavorers:—

As we draw near the closing days of the year, how do we stand? Have we accepted all of our opportunities? Have we been faithful in all things?

How many of us take into our every day life this part of our C. E. Pledge: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength. I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do?" To live this promise, would make our efforts acceptable to our Great Leader.

Have we tried continuously to so live, or have we allowed carelessness to creep in on us?

It is so easy to slight our work that we fall into the error unconsciously.

Our Savior knew just how weak we are and admonished us to "watch and pray," and we are to do this that temptation may not enter into our lives.

We know that in all things, if we wish a perfect success, we must make it a part of our everyday life—carry it into the home, school, store, on the street, everywhere. Our pledge should be carried in just the same way. We have a light, let it shine, that we may be known.

The year nineteen hundred and five will be a good time to bring ourselves closer to the work. Shall we try? Our organization will certainly be blessed with a prosperous year if we do.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,

ALBERT H. BROOKS, President.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The annual conference of the Boys' Department of the State of Connecticut met at Waterbury on the 9th and 10th of December. A large representation of the boys from the various towns of the state was present. Hartford was represented by J. W. Page, Department Secretary and ten boys. The Bible Study Club for boys has now reached a membership of 75. The boys take supper together in the Association building every Friday evening at 6 o'clock, each boy paying 5 cents for the supper. They are divided into six classes and are studying "The Men of the Bible". The Sunday afternoon meeting, at 3 o'clock, for boys over 12 years of age, has an average attendance of about 80. The boys have organized an orchestra which leads the singing.

The theatre meetings for men, held in the Hartford Opera House, have been largely attended, and most earnest and helpful in character. Since the meetings opened on the last Sunday of October, over 40 men have signed cards expressing a desire to lead the Christian life, and have given their consent to receive such help as may be given them to this end. Three shop rallies are conducted each week, in three of the leading factories, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, at 12:30 noon. Study is conducted in these three shops on the "Life of Jesus the Toiler." The aggregate attendance is over 500 a week.

The educational classes in the Hillier Institute are well attended, the enrollment being 187 for the first term. A new departure of the Institute will be the opening of an automobile school February 1st. It is designed for owners, chauffeurs and prospective owners. A thorough course will be given in the construction, operation and repairing and care of gasoline carriages. A large enrollment is expected.

Three special addresses given to men by Lyman Beecher Sperry, M. D., of Oberlin, Ohio, had a large attendance and were exceedingly helpful and instructive.

The annual Open House, reception and entertainment will be given as usual to usher in the new year on Monday, January 2. On this occasion the building is thrown open to

the public and a splendid program has been provided for afternoon and evening.

The physical department classes are more largely attended this year than ever, and very valuable work is being done along body building lines. The season of Saturday night basketball games opened December 10, and will be continued every Saturday evening during the remainder of the season. An admission fee of 10 cents is charged to witness these games.

The Star Course, being conducted in Foot Guard Hall, is meeting with popular favor. The audiences thus far have averaged over 1,000 people. The remaining dates and attractions are as follows: Wednesday, December 21, Carmen's Italian Boy and Elbert Foland, humorist; Wednesday, February 1, the Floyds, magic, sleight-of-hand, mind-reading and other wondrous things; Wednesday, February 15, Colonial Orchestra Club of Boston; Monday, March 6, Prof. John B. DeMotte, Ph. D., "Python Eggs and the American Boy"; Wednesday, April 5, Whitney Brothers' quartet and reader.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The new Sunday-school calendar will be issued soon. It will be an artistic and useful publication, with a good photograph of the church on the upper part of the card, and a full list of the Sunday-school lessons and other matters of interest, below.

The new Year Book of the parish will also be issued shortly and will show a substantial gain in all departments of parochial activity. The class confirmed by Bishop Brewster last March, for example, was not only the largest in many years in Christ church, but actually the largest in the diocese of Connecticut this year. The number was fifty-six. A number of improvements and changes are contemplated this winter in the parish house. Among these are a new and convenient choir room, which is much needed. Besides this, the furnishing of the parish room for social purposes and the redecoration of the interior of the whole building are being planned.

A very beautiful silver service has been lately purchased for the communion of the sick. This purchase was made from the money given for a memorial to the late George W. Hubbard, Esq. It was made by the Gorham Company of New York.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A fair and supper was given by the ladies of the church the afternoon and evening of December 7 in Jewell hall, Y. M. C. A. The success was gratifying and the sum raised was a substantial one and will be added to the general fund for the church work.

Arrangements for a special entertainment, including a Christmas tree, are being made in the Sunday-school.

Some time ago a subscription was started for the purpose of installing a motor equipment for blowing the organ. The amount needed is now raised and the blower will probably soon be in place.

Rev. Mr. Breckenridge, the pastor, has been ill at his home for over a

week, and the services have been conducted by other speakers.

UNITY CHURCH.

The November social was held on Thursday evening, the 17th. The entertainment was furnished by the members of the society and Sunday-school. It included recitations by Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Risley and Miss McCall; a cornet solo by Miss Healy, with piano accompaniment by Miss Lanphear; dancing by Helen Lester, and a "Musical Guessing Contest". Miss Lanphear played selections from fourteen popular airs and the audience guessed the names. Mr. Alfred Searle won the prize with a correct list of 12. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

On Sunday, November 27, the service was largely musical and the choir was assisted by Mrs. Spieske Miller violinist. A fine program was rendered.

On December 4, Rev. Alfred Free occupied the desk, as Mr. Waite was ill. He gave a very interesting sermon on "Revelation".

On December 11, Rev. Mr. Waite was sufficiently recovered to preach and took for his subject, "The Most Interesting Portion of the Bible," which proved to be the Pentateuch.

The officers of the Charitable Society gave a supper and sale Friday evening, December 2. It was largely attended and successful. The society has met with a great loss by the death of two trustees. Mr. Horace Cornwall and Mr. S. F. Bronson.

FIRST METHODIST.

The special gospel services of the four Methodist churches of the city, held at the First Methodist church the past two weeks, closed on Friday evening, December 9, with a rousing meeting. Mrs. James H. Naylor sang two very appropriate solos during the service: "Abide with Me" and "Ashamed of Jesus." Dr. Hanman took for his text, Numbers 14:4, "And they said one to another, let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt." Dr. Henderson's text was from Hosea 9:5, "What will ye do in the solemn day, in the day of the feast of the Lord?" The services were closed by singing "When the roll is called up Yonder" and the benediction by Dr. Henderson. The choir sang for their parting hymn, "God be with you 'till we meet again." They then escorted their leader, Mr. Isaac H. Meredith and Drs. Henderson and F. Watson Hannan to the union station, where a number of hymns were sung. Dr. Henderson spoke briefly to the choir and friends who had assembled. The Chautauqua salute was given and farewells were said, and as the train pulled out of the station the singers stood on the platform singing "On to Victory."

Preparations for Christmas are being made in the Sunday-school for a concert Christmas Sunday and an entertainment on the following Wednesday.

Loeffler's Drug Store, 705 Main street, offers a pleasing line of perfumes, brushes, and other toilet articles for the Christmas trade.

GRACE EPISCOPAL, WINDSOR.

Grace church parish is preparing for Christmas; the Sunday-school is practicing carols, and the choir is preparing special music.

Special efforts are to be made to make the church decorations and services of unusual attractiveness.

A thoroughly modern electric lighting equipment is to be installed in the church during the next few weeks. This is a good work accomplished by the ladies of the parish.

The Sunday-school teachers are holding meetings every Friday evening during the winter and have taken up the study of the life of the Saviour.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Union held its meeting on November 22. The devotional service was led by Miss M. J. Halstead in a very impressive manner.

The paper entitled, "In the Wake of the Mayflower" was prepared and read by Mrs. Ella B. Kendrick, a native of Plymouth. The paper, which was both instructive and interesting, was upon the early life of the Puritans and Pilgrims.

The next meeting, on December 13, will be favored with a report from Mrs. C. B. Forbes, of the National Convention, which was recently held in Philadelphia. This will be interesting, and a large attendance is expected.

THE SHELTER.

The usual Thanksgiving gathering at the Shelter was an occasion of much interest. Gifts of money and provisions had been received from friends, enabling us to provide a bountiful dinner. The evening entertainment, consisting of music and recitations, was enjoyed by over thirty girls and women. Refreshments were served. A number of friends assisted in making the occasion one of real pleasure.

A number of interesting cases have recently been brought to our attention and we have been able to offer practical aid. A woman on her way to Boston reached Hartford and found she had not money enough to take her to her destination. She spent the night at our home and we enabled her to resume her journey the following day. Another woman just arrived from Sweden reached Hartford late one afternoon with a ticket for Broad Brook pinned to her coat. The last train had gone and an officer at the railroad station sent her to us. The next day we saw her safely on the train and sent her to her friends. Another woman with unbalanced mind was cared for until she could be sent back to her home. One poor girl, who had lived a sinful life, came to us sick with consumption, homeless and friendless. After a stay of several days she was sent to a distant city where she formerly lived and where some provision could be made for her comfort.

The Children's Aid Society held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, at the rooms of the society in the Che-

ney building. The early part of the afternoon was spent in sewing, followed by a social tea and a business meeting, when plans were made for the Christmas tree and entertainment for the children at the Newington Home. This is to be held the first Wednesday after Christmas. Anyone desiring to contribute gifts for the children is invited to do so and can leave them at the rooms of the society. Articles of clothing that can be dispensed with, will be especially appreciated, as there are many calls for such.

The Good Samaritan Order held its meeting the last Saturday in November. The work of this order is among the blind exclusively, and at this meeting it was voted to make special efforts to make a happy Christmas for the blind this year.

The new cook book issued by the Order is now on sale and as it contains many exclusive recipes, its value is practical, while its sale aids in a practical work of mercy and kindness.

On Sunday evening, December 10, Rev. H. E. Peabody gave an address to the King's Daughters at their Chapter House on Prospect avenue.

The Woman's Exchange is carrying an unusual line of articles at low prices, which have the two merits of being original in idea and low as to cost. It will be a surprise to many who go into the store for the first time, to see the great variety that may be found there.

The Sunshine Society is anxious for contributions for its Christmas Sunshine work. Its field is wide and its opportunities many, so that any who have any toys, or books, or other gifts, may feel sure that they will go where they will give much happiness. Articles may be left at the Hartford Trust Company's building, Room 33.

The death of Mr. John D. Tucker removed from the Society a valuable and much loved member. His interest in the work was always great, and his death is a distinct and keen loss to the members.

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Our pastor is trying to awaken a spiritual interest among us by urging increased attendance at midweek prayer meeting and preaching on themes along that line.

Committees have been appointed to arrange for our usual Sunday-school Christmas entertainment. We are to make a special offering to the Mount Carmel Home in Connecticut.

Special music will be rendered on Christmas Sunday by a double quartet.

During this month we have already lost three of our members, two by death and one by removal.

Our Sunday-school is to continue the international series of lessons for the ensuing year, using the Peloubet edition.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The Ladies' Social Benevolent Society held an "Alphabetical Sale" in the vestry on the afternoon and evening of December 2. The rooms were very prettily decorated, and the supper was excellent. A large sum was realized.

A Literary Society has been organized in the church for reading the plays of Shakespeare and other works, and for promoting sociability among the members of the parish. The two meetings already held have been very interesting and the project bids fair to be a success. About sixty names are subscribed for membership.

Work is progressing in preparation for the Y. P. S. C. U. National Convention, to be held here in July, 1905. The plans are extensive, and it is hoped to make it a grand success in every way. Rally Sunday was observed on November 27, with special exercises. The Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter of the Center church addressed the members of the Sunday-school and his remarks were very much enjoyed.

The celebrated Rogers' brand of silverware, manufactured on Market street, is now on sale at Griffith's, 87 Pratt street.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

These are busy days at the Open Hearth. Preparation for Christmas festivities, the rush of wood orders, the usual large crowd of winter lodgers—both paid and free—all help to keep things moving.

The chapel is filled at each meeting, causing agreeable comments by the various ministers, who, from time to time, conduct the services, of the surprising large numbers attending.

At various times during the past ten days the Open Hearth has sheltered ninety-six men, the full limit of its number of beds.

Plans are progressing for the children's Christmas festival, which takes place Dec. 29 at 7.30 p. m. The program consists of carol singing, recitations, etc. and each child will be remembered by the Open Hearth Santa Claus. Contributions of funds, clothing, food, etc., are desired, in order



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GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper in connection with its annual fair for the sale of fancy articles, Tuesday evening, December 6. A goodly sum was realized.

Sunday evening, December 11, this church celebrated its tenth anniversary as an organized church. A fine musical program was rendered, in which the regular quartet were assisted by Mrs. Mary Perwo Sage, violinist, Miss Alice S. Williams, soloist, Miss Frieda Roloff, accompanist, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strickland. Interesting reminiscences of the church's "chrysalis" days were furnished by O. B. Colton; F. E. Hastings reviewed the early pastorates; and W. R. Purple outlined the present pastorate. Stirring addresses, full of hope and encouragement, were made by Rev. J. H. Twitchell, and Rev. Joel S. Ives. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. William De Loss Love. A large audience was present, and the occasion was one of rare interest.

The plans for a new carpet for the church are going briskly forward, already about \$85 being in sight, so that there is every prospect that the new carpet will be an accomplished fact early in the new year.

The Sunday-school is to have an old-fashioned Christmas tree Friday evening, December 23.

This year the annual roll-call will occur Thursday evening, December 29, in connection with the regular weekly prayer meeting.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The H. I. E. Circle of King's Daughters gave a New England chicken pie supper and sale on the after-

noon and evening of December 6. The success was very gratifying and a good sum was netted for the fund for the old people's home, which the Circle is trying to establish.

Dr. Bunker recently spent a few days visiting his friends here in Hartford.

A Young People's Conference was held in our church December 7, with the purpose of furthering the union of all the Baptist young people's societies of the state.

The contributions for the Thanksgiving baskets were unusually large this year, and much happiness was given through their distribution. Special thanks are due Mr. Clarence Palmer, who furnished a large delivery wagon and a man to distribute the baskets, where their size required special delivery.

A prayer meeting is now held in the vestry every Wednesday afternoon at



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5 o'clock, at which everyone attending is expected to offer a prayer for guidance and blessing in the work of our church.

An effort is being made to enlarge our choir in the Sunday-school.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Rev. Dr. Stone conducted the funeral service of Rev. A. J. Culver, whose good work among the poor and unfortunate he compared to that of the "Good Samaritan."

The Dorcas Society held a successful supper and sale on the evening of Wednesday, December 14.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social on Wednesday evening, December 7. A very pleasant evening was passed by the goodly number who attended.

At the meeting of the society on Friday evening, November 25, Mr. S. Raymond of the Connecticut Bible Society, led, and gave an exceedingly interesting address on "How Intemperance Hinders Missions." A lively interest in the theme was shown by the members of the society present.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

On Thursday evening, November 17, Rev. Doremus Scudder, D. D., of Honolulu, gave an instructive illustrated lecture at the mid-week meeting, recounting the history of Christian work in the Sandwich Islands, and describing the present religious needs of Hawaii.

On Monday evening, November 21, the church was crowded with an audience glad to welcome and hear Principal Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute. At the close of his most interesting address a cash collection of \$204.08 was received for the work of the Institute.

The union Thanksgiving service of the South Park and Center Congregational churches was observed in our church, the pastor preaching the sermon.

At the Communion service, December 4, seven persons were received into the church fellowship.

On December 3, Rev. Philip C. Wolcott gave the address at the midweek service, in exchange with the pastor, who, on that evening, gave a report of the National Council at the Asylum Hill Congregational church.

On December 8, Rev. Philip C. Walster is to preach at Amherst College, the pulpit being supplied by the Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., president of Union Seminary.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew met at the Corporate Celebration on St. Andrew's day.

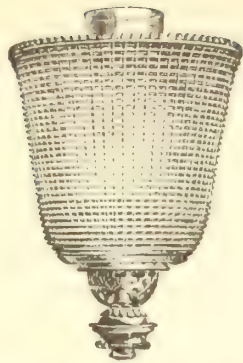
The Penny-a-Day society gave a reception that was well attended last week.

The Men's Club gave the first in their series of entertainments on Thursday Dec. 8.

The Girls' Friendly finished packing their missionary box last Tuesday.

The Ladies' Missionary Society has sent one barrel and is packing another for Pattie Buford's Hospital.

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The December issue of "Everybody's Magazine" will certainly attract attention, not only because of the sensational interest of its installment of Thomas W. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance," but through the distinction and excellence of its general contents and the beauty of its illustrations. Some of the best fiction writers before the public are represented within its covers. There are stories — and good ones too — by Booth Tarkington, O. Henry, Elizabeth Jordan, Lindsay Denison, Inez Haynes Gilmore, and Hall Caine.

"McClure's Magazine" for December fairly radiates the spirit of Christmas. There is good cheer, pleasant entertainment, the beauty and joy of life shining out of its pages; and underlying all this there is compelling seriousness and importance. The magazine seems to grow constantly richer, more varied, more brilliant, more authoritative — all qualities well reflected in this number. That rare combination of illuminating serious article and absorbing story is effected by Ray Stannard Baker in his story of the Garment-Worker's strike, "The Rise of the Tailors."

The December "Century" is a Christmas number indeed, having an appropriate cover in colors and no fewer than eighteen titles relating directly to the holiday or to its spirit. Among these are five pieces of fiction: "Liebereich's Christmas," a pathetic story by John Luther Long; "A Belated Christmas," a story of the Isthmus, by Carter Goodloe; "Kerrigan's Christmas Sermon," a humorous story of sailors ashore, by L. Frank Tooker; "A Misfit Christmas," a "Sonny" monolog, by Ruth McEnery Stuart, and "The Camel of Jesus," by Margherita Arlina Hamm, a story of the Egyptian Quarter of New York, novel in scene and reverent in treatment. Mrs. Kate Whiting Patch contributes a story entitled "The Princess and the Boy," remarkable for its romantic charm. A color drawing for this story is by Maxfield Parrish.

The annual illustrated Book Number of "The Outlook" is largely devoted to a careful review of the books of the season that have real and permanent value. "The Outlook" was the first of the weekly papers to make a yearly feature of this subject. This year some twenty new and interesting portraits of authors now prominently before the reading public accompany

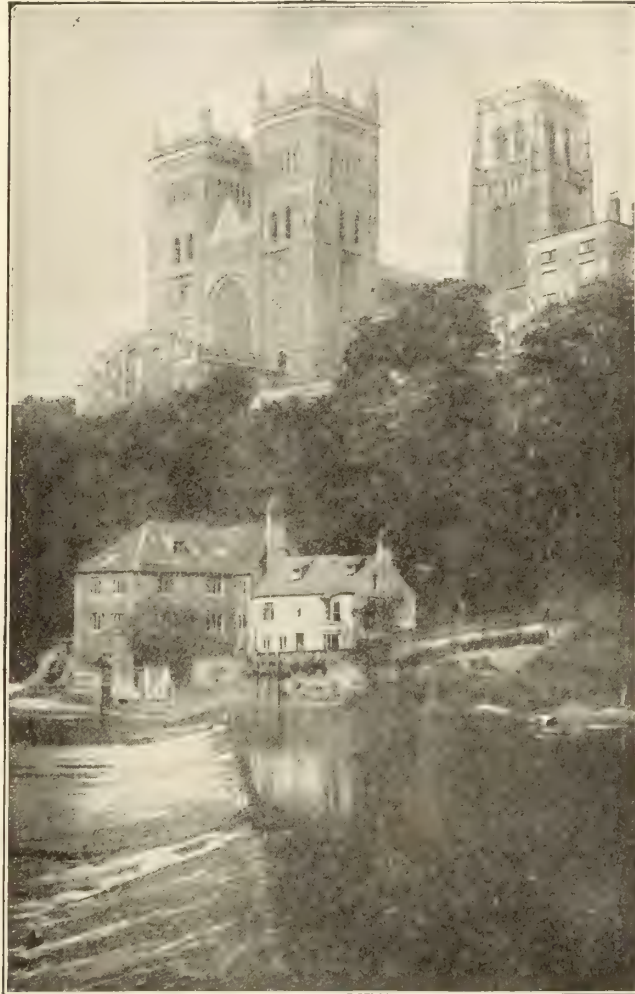
special articles on Fiction, Biography, Essays, Poetry and Art and Holiday Books. Personal articles on Mark Twain, by Richard Watson Gilder, and on "Maxfield Parrish and His Work," by W. D. Moffat, are illustrated, the first by an interesting new portrait, the second by beautiful examples of Mr. Parrish's art.

The "Woman's Home Companion" is a Santa Claus in the magazine world. Its December number is a pack of good things. Here are a few of the titles: "The Greatest Christmas Charity in the World," a description of the Salvation Army dinner by Booth-

of the distinguishing characteristics of the famous cathedrals of England, together with anecdotes of their most noted bishops.

It is a book which may be read profitably and with pleasure by every traveler, or every one who hopes to travel, as well as by those who appreciate the wonders of architecture and the dramatic associations embodied in most of these great buildings.

The illustrations are superb — one of them the publishers have kindly allowed us to reproduce — and no mechanical detail has been omitted that could serve to make this the perfect specimen of book-making it is.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

From "Cathedrals of England."

L. C. Page & Co., Publishers.

Tucker; "How to Get up a Christmas Entertainment," by David Belasco; "Where the Christmas Toys Come From," "Home Made Christmas Gifts." A charming article by Ernest Harold Baynes, written in the Christmas spirit, is called "How to Feed the Wild Birds in Winter."

The Cathedrals of England. By Mary J. Taber. 287 pages, 8vo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.60.

This work — a new volume in the notable "Cathedral Series" — gives a clear an entertaining account of some

The Prospector. By Ralph Connor. 401 pages, 12mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price, \$1.50.

"A Tale of the Crow's Nest Pass" is the descriptive sub-title of this story, in which it is evident that the author could not resist returning in mind to the country of "The Sky Pilot" and "Black Rock."

The story deals with the passions and the tragedies in the life of the prospecting miner, of the days prior to the inauguration of the smelting process. Cowboys, adventurers, prospectors, and traders play their part in the vivid drama the author un-

tolds. He writes with skill, as always, and his story is strong and impressive.

Doctor Luke of the Labrador. By Norman Duncan. 327 pages, 12mo. New York: F. H. Revell Co. Price, \$1.50.

Norman Duncan's short stories of Newfoundland life, which have appeared from time to time in McClure's Magazine, have had so many admirers that an interested public is ready to welcome his first novel.

This is the story of a physician, cast away on that bleak shore, with a

New York: John Lane. Price, \$1.50.

This is a story of the John Brown episode at Harper's Ferry. Hardly a more soul-stirring and conscience-directed expedition is known in history than this, and the author, realizing the dramatic possibilities of the theme by itself, or else inspired by Winston Churchill's book, "The Crisis"—to which reference is made—wrote this novel.

It is doubtful if a more careful and conscientious portrait of John Brown has ever been drawn. The story itself is full of his personality and is keenly

could appreciate the literary and religious significance of all that surrounded the man who really formulated our idea of Christianity. Step by step, he traces the work of Paul, showing the wide meaning of his policies and the far-reaching result of his work.

The work is historical, as well as analytic, and ministers and students of scripture will find it of permanent value.

Japanese Life in Town and Country.

By George William Knox. 275 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.20.

While there have been many recent books on the East and some most excellent and trustworthy ones—it is doubtful if the book at hand has not some features that give it precedence of the majority, for Dr. Knox's experience qualified him especially for the intimate knowledge of the daily life of the Japanese, their religion, and the traditions that have helped or hindered them in their remarkable progress, which he here reveals.

A brief summary of Japanese history, tracing the development of the nation is given, also.

The illustrations, one of which the publishers' courtesy enables us to reproduce herewith, are unusually fine, having been collected by the author in Japan.

Amy Dora's Amusing Day. By Frank M. Bicknell. 182 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altamus Co. Price, 50 cents.

The amusing adventures of a little girl on a certain memorable day are related in this story. There is so much wit and wonderment throughout, that the young reader will be held with delighted interest.

There are some very wholesome lessons taught, which the clever illustrations prevent from being unpleasantly obtrusive.

A Nation's Idol. By Charles Felton Pidgin. 348 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altamus Co. Price, \$1.50.

The writer calls this "A romance of Franklin's nine years of happiness at the Court of France." That these years meant much to Franklin, there is ample evidence in the story—based on facts—that Mr. Pidgin tells.

A love story predominates the narrative. In its evolution the true story is revealed of the negotiations which ended in the treaty that placed the American Colonies among the nations of the earth.

New Samaria. By S. Weir Mitchell. 168 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.25.

These two short stories by the author of "Hugh Wynne" are probably not far from the best work of the author. While both are clever they are more substantial and significant than such a descriptive word would generally indicate.

The first story—which gives the book its title—is a humorous, half-satirical depiction of character and modern customs, while the second story is a love tale of undeniable charm and daintiness.



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Before the Crisis. By Frederick Blount Mott. 309 pages, 12mo.

interesting in a semi-pathetic tone. There are many clever touches of human nature and a love story that carries a sentimental interest, even through the most rigorous scenes of the drama.

The Story of St. Paul. By Benjamin Wisner Bacon. 392 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

This is a story of St. Paul and a comparison of the Acts and the Epistles. It is a study of the man, his work and writings.

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My Lady of the North. By Randall Parrish. 362 pages, 12mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.50.

A thoroughly good story, such as this is, well deserves the success it is having. The plot it develops is a brilliant and, mainly, an original one and the vivid and rapidly changing scenes furnish more than one thrill.

The hero is in the Southern army while the lady in the case is from the North and the events occur during the fiercest battling of the Civil War. Needless to say, there is opportunity for heroism and romance of the most earnest and convincing sort and as the author writes with grace and natural vigor, he is impressive as well as keenly interesting.

Mine and Thine. By Florence Earle Coates. 175 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.25.

A dainty volume, this book attracts one at the start. Indeed, the author's name on the cover gives pleasant anticipations, for her verse has been seen often in recent years, and it is always characterized by originality, elegance of expression, broadness in vocabulary and dainty significance.

"So War Has Begun" and "Socrates" deserve special mention. The "Memorial Ode" is impressive and beautiful, though tinged with pathos. The author may well be proud of this volume.

Mr. Wind and Madam Rain. By Paul De Musset. 150 pages, 8vo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price, \$2.00.

This quaint and almost classic story for young people has been translated from the French by Emily Makepeace.

There is so much genuine wit and humor in the antics of these personifications of the wind and rain and the other characters in the story, that it will appeal to older readers as well as to children.

The decidedly clever illustrations by Charles Bennett ably interpret the spirit of the tale, and accentuate its humor, as well as add to its interest as a whole.

Adventures of Pinocchio. By C. Colodi. 212 pages, 16mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 75 cents.

This is a translation by Walter S. Cramp of a clever and famous Italian story for children. It tells of the remarkable and numerous adventures of a marionette carved from a stick of wood and endowed with life and mischievous instincts.

The story is a very quaint and happy one, full of amusing incidents and very apparent moral lessons and yet not pedantic at all. Every child will delight in the story and the happy drawings by Charles Copeland and it is altogether likely that older people will find themselves absorbed in the tale.

Light on the Hills. By Charles C. Albertson. 243 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$1.00.

An anthology of religious poetry of the very highest order is probably a novelty. The book at hand is such, including, as it does, many of the imperishable and most musical poems in the English language, making it a beautiful and appropriate gift book for anyone, young or old.

Monarch, The Big Bear of Tallac. By Ernest Thompson Seton. 180 pages, quarto. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.25.

In the author's preface it is explained that "Monarch is the incarnation of many bears—the idea being to convey an adequate picture of the life of a grizzly bear.

The reader's interest is speedily aroused and the story will be found thrilling and impressive—instructive it is of course, and in style reminding of the author's "Wild Animals I Have Known."

The volume is illustrated in two colors, beautifully decorated with drawings and marginal etchings by the author and his wife, Grace Gallatin Seton. It is excellently adapted for a gift-book.

The Isle of Black Fire. By Howard R. Garis. 301 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$1.50.

The story of a sailor's experiences among savage fire worshippers inspires an expedition to obtain possession of an enormous lump of radium which they owned.

Three boys are in the party, and in



Illustration from "Monarch, the Big Bear."

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The Albert Gate Mystery. By Louis Tracy. 309 pages, 12mo. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co. Price, \$1.50.

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Switzerland and The Rhine. By Joel Cook. 519 pages, 8vo. Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates & Co. Price, \$3.00.

This unusually attractive volume is one of a series which from time to time has been mentioned in these columns. While wholly entertaining, the idea is to give an analytic description of the historic and picturesque features of the country, rather than a mere narrative of traveling experiences.

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The illustrations are exceptionally fine and add a distinct feature to the volume. Through the courtesy of the publishers we are enabled to reproduce one of them on our front cover of this issue.

The Nursery Fire. By Rosalind Richards. 242 pages, small quarto. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

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Julian, or Scenes in Judea. By William Ware. 444 pages, 8vo. Boston: Dana Estes & Co. Price, \$1.50.

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Christmas Eve on Lonesome. By John Fox, Jr. 234 pages, 12 mo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

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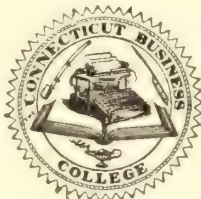
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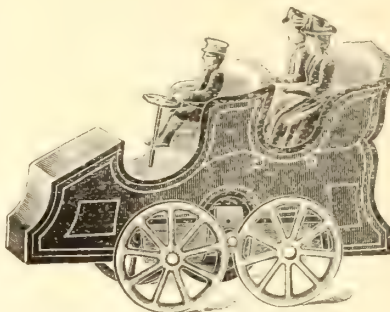
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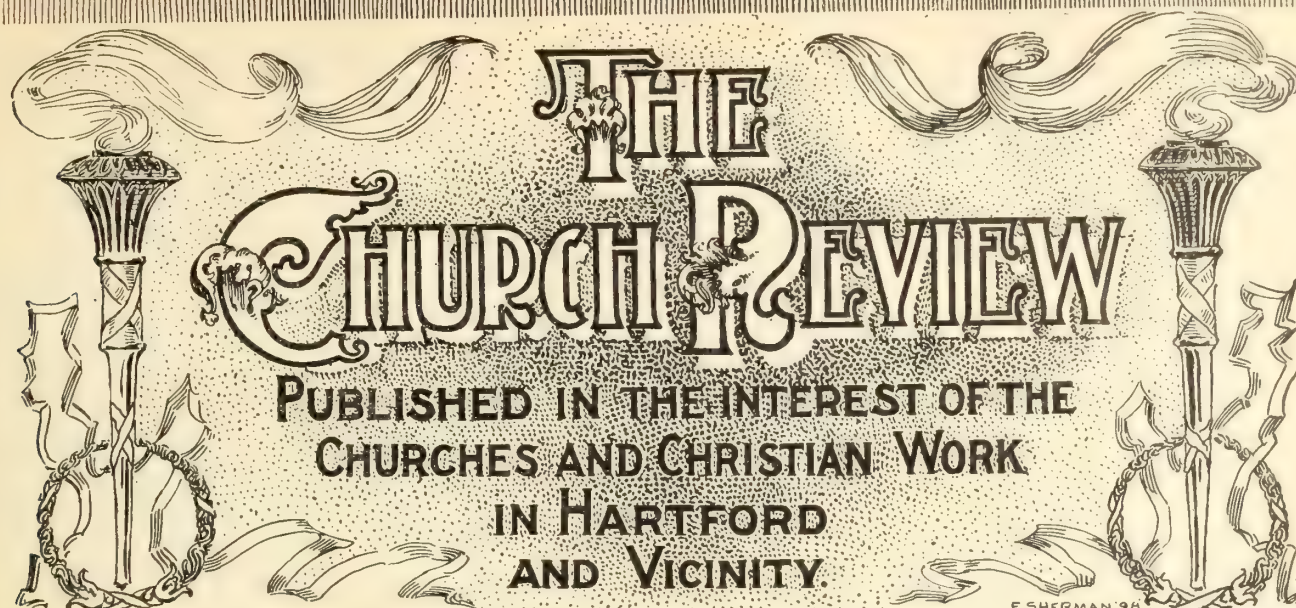
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THE WITNESS OF THE DUST.

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Tyre,
From Baalbec and the stones of Ba-
bylon—
"We raised our pillars upon Self-De-
sire,
And perished from the large gaze of
the sun."
Eternity was on the pyramid,
And immortality on Greece and
Rome;
But in them all the ancient traitor
hid,
And so they tottered like unstable
foam.
There was no substance in their soar-
ing hopes;
The voice of Thebes is now a desert
cry.
A spider bars the road with filmy
ropes,
Where once the feet of Carthage
thundered by.
A bittern booms where once fair He-
len laughed:
A thistle nods where once the Fo-
rum poured.
A lizard lifts and listens on a shaft
Where once of old the Coliseum
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By Rev. George M. Stone, D. D.

The cruel indignities connected with placing our Lord upon the cross were probably performed by a quaternion of soldiers. These four men, with bronzed faces and stalwart forms, were also the heirs, according to usage, of the personal effects of the crucified. Sitting on the ground in callous indifference to the suffering of their majestic prisoner, they threw dice for the possession of the inner garment, named by the beloved disciple in such manner as to suggest associations of tenderness clinging to it. Did he know the fingers which had woven it in some home in Gallilee, while love threw the shuttles and praying breath followed the threads?

At this far distance there are looms still weaving garments for him, since he has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But have we not a right to utilize for present faith and love one of the fruitful spiritual suggestions of the seamless robe? We may possess an undivided Christ. How many are like the soldiers who divided the outer vesture of Jesus, "to every soldier a part"? People content themselves with a single aspect of Christ, and thus fail to explore and appropriate him in his fullness. But he gave himself for us, all of himself, and for all the days every exigency of life is met. Love is provided for every relation of our manifold being. We are to be on our guard that we do not rest content with his gifts, and miss himself.

Quaint old Rutherford writes, "Oh, if I could doat as much upon himself as I do upon his love!"

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear bridegroom's face;
She will not gaze on glory,
But on the King of Grace."

A new type of faith and new joys of service are sure to follow the clear and habitual apprehension of our relation to Christ as a Person. Then we, as persons, deal with him as an exalted Personality, who yet desires to know us and serve us in every humblest need of our lives. What an overmastering sense of his own personality Christ himself had! Other men have been weighted above measure with their own individual cares, but here is One who freely invites all who "labor and are heavy laden" to bring their burdens unto him. Upon this human heart every generation since the invitation was given have pillowed their aching hearts. But then we must have the totality of Christ. No single doctrine, no half-truth concerning him, no fragments will suffice. When the Corinthian church was dissolving into sects the Apostle raises to them the question: "Is Christ divided?" Alas! how many do practically divide him to-day and accept a part for the whole. People say, "the Sermon on the Mount is enough for me," forgetting that the death of Christ is not there, and that the whole question of forgiveness turns on that death. The Sermon on the Mount is more inclusive and searching than the ten words of "the fiery mount." If there had been no Calvary this discourse would leave

us condemned and helpless in our sins. Christ is more than a teacher of righteousness. Mount Calvary overtops the Mount of the Beatitudes. The good tidings of the Lamb slain in the sinners' stead start from the precincts of the cross.

"On those dear arms so widely flung
The weight of this world's ransom
hung—

The price of human kind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey."

Everything hinges upon his person and his deeds. Politicians sometimes say, "Principles, not men," but here the Divine Man is the supreme factor; even the Gospels, taken alone, without the added truth of the Epistles, may give us only a partial conception of Christ. We may not magnify Christ by a covert depreciation of the Apostle Paul. When he, the Master, said, "I have yet many things to say to you, but ye cannot bear them now," he gave hospitality in his spirit to others in the coming dispensation of the Spirit, who should be inspired "to complete the Word of God." Even the cry, "Back to Christ," may be misleading, if not interpreted in the light of the Acts and Epistles which followed the Gospels. We should say, "Forward, and onward, and upward to Christ." An apostle declares that "Even if we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him no more." If one will read the Pauline letters in their chronological order from the first to the Thessalonians to the second to Timothy, he will understand the progressive ascent of Paul in his advance from the "incarnate mystery," to the enthronement of the Divine Man as the Head of the Universe, with the church "his body." What range and sweep of vision is required, if we would bring together, in one associated conception, the mere outline of the fullness of Christ on earth and in heaven. How poor is he who would divide his vesture and miss the glory of his all-covering seamless robe! At last we do not die upon any single doctrine, but by faith in a living Person. An Arm is about us in the mystery of our last moments, not simply the dim truth of immortality. The saints, even the weakest of them, see their Lord on the borders of earth, and go with him into the land of light!

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. — Holmes.

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

A PICTURESQUE MISSIONARY TRIP.

By Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, A. M.

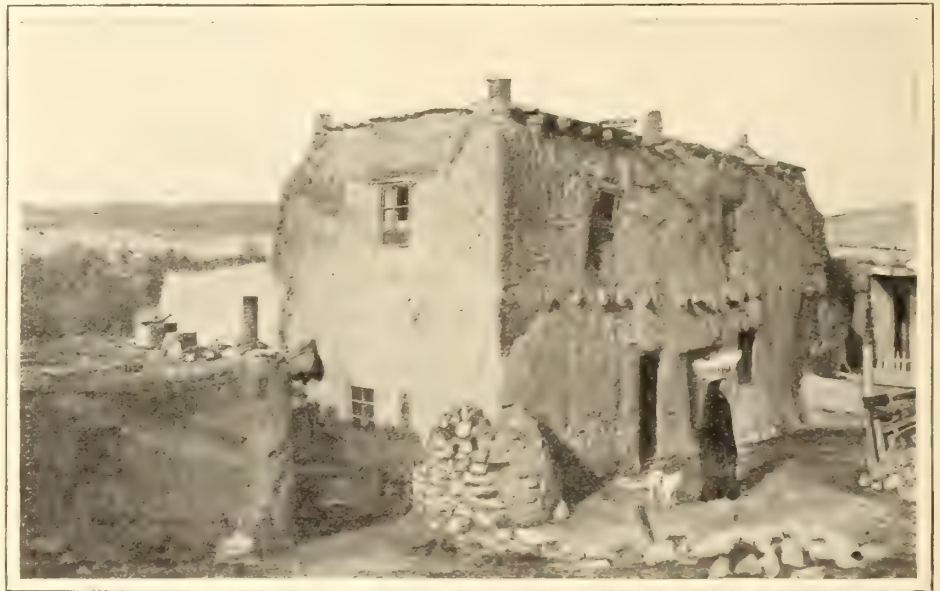
"Let observation with extensive view,
Survey mankind from China to Peru."

The above lines were penned by Dr. Samuel Johnson when, as I believe, he had a smaller survey than the writer, who has before him now a field stretching from the head waters of the Mississippi and the north of Michigan, southward to the oldest civilization on the continent, and then a leap over three centuries of time to the latest born of our constellations.

When I first visited the lower regions of the northern peninsular of Michigan, I was as ignorant of the size and resources of that State as millions are to-day of the whole country. When I woke in the morning on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad it seemed as if I had gone back

apples are shipped by the ton and where hardy settlers and lumber men were the only occupants, we find to-day a splendid summer resort, a Chautauqua, begun in the forests, and in a few years turned by the landscape gardener's skill into a fairy land, where one can hunt, fish, study geology from beautiful corals and view the heavens above the trees while listening to the last results of science on the nebular theory.

As we start for the Straits of Mackinaw, we pass the historic spots made famous by Parkman, steam by Mackinaw Island with its Arched Rock and Lover's Leap; and if curious for antiques there is the little safe that Astor stowed his wealth in by Point Detour. We sweep and weave our way among the Thousand Islands up the Nebish Channel and sail fifteen miles on our way to Sault St. Marie, through the great locks, as the sunset gun is fired and we are so far north

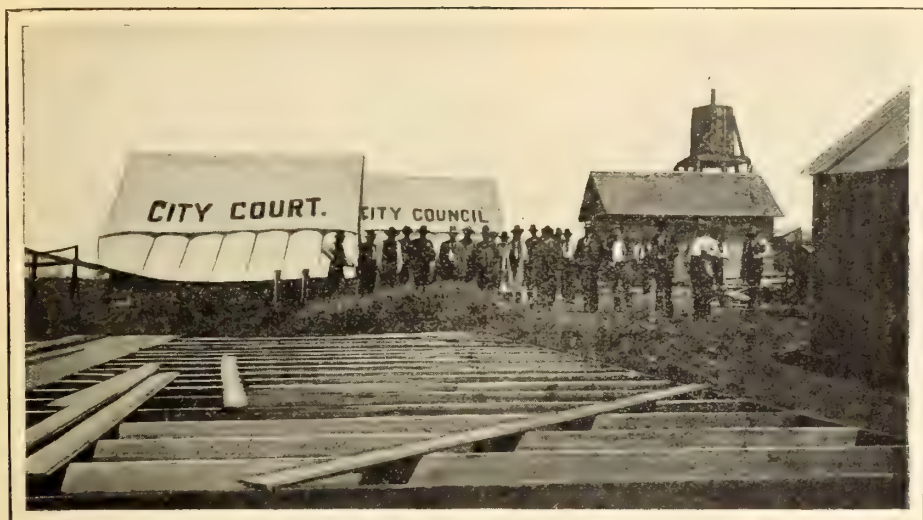


OLDEST HOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES. (NEW MEXICO.) 1550.

a quarter of a century. There were the primeval forests, in which lurked deer, wildcat, and lynx. There were the beaver meadows with the beavers busy at their dams, small lakes set like gems in the heart of the forest, all alive with fish and every stream palpitating with trout. Here and there an opening in the forest showed a settler's log cabin, or a wagon covered with canvas, through which a stove pipe protruded. In the winter deep snows covered the ground with an average of five month's sleighing. Few people thought it would ever be permanently settled. For instance, said one man, "I don't think we can ever raise apples, snow too deep, mice will girdle the trees, etc." But to-day

as to have gained an hour of daylight.

Now we are on Lake Superior's bosom and rapidly glide by the picture rocks, go to our stateroom at night and wake in the morning to find our boat steaming past Minnesota Point, while Duluth looms up on her mighty rock. On we must go but now by trail and boat down Rainy River to International Falls, where winter comes all too early, burying the stocks of wheat before thrashing. Here your missionary in snow shoes and buffalo coat trudges over the deep snow, the thermometer sixty degrees below zero, beginning his Sunday work by starting on Friday; unbroken forests for miles, nothing but



A BEGINNING IN OKLAHOMA.

a trail to guide him, preaches on the way in log cabins and arrives Sunday morning after a fifteen-mile walk, two more long trudges, and services, and he sleeps like a top, the trees firing salutes like minute guns all through the night.

Another journey like the last and we are still in Minnesota at the Spray of the Falls Hotel; lumbermen, hunters, Indians and half-breeds, all ready to listen to the Gospel. And now, over moor and fen and mountains we must take our way, breakfast in the dining room car at six A. M. What a luxury! We pass a small log house; "Looks lonesome," I remarked. "Yas," said an old grizzled frontiersman, "it does to us a sittin' here but I raised a family thar and it wa'n't lonesome." "Indeed," said I; "Yas," he replied. "When I come first we had to walk from St. Paul, and then we had a pesky time with road agents; fact, didn't have any peace till we rounded them up thar in that pocket in the mountain," pointing up to a peak some miles away, "and shot the hull gang." Just then a big antelope walked away from the train as cool as a cow and now we swerve and glide around the boulders of the primeval world, where men go out in the morning to see whether any of the scenery is on the track, past great mines that look as if they were the works of nature, past cities born in a day, where the pay roll is a million a month, down mile after mile over rushing torrents until the sunset, and then the great gray mountains become translucent in the rays of the setting sun, throwing great purple shadows a mile long. Here and there shimmering like ghosts are the great yucca plants and red pines proclaiming the presence of

the Indian. All night long our iron horse climbs the mountains.

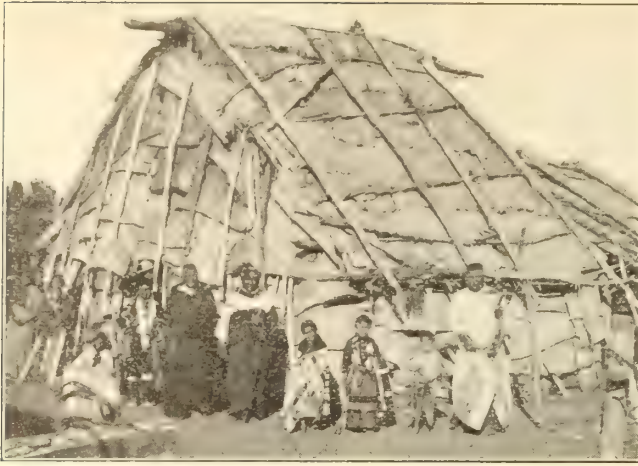
It is hot when we reach Albuquerque but a few more miles and we are in the cool of a higher altitude and stand in awe of the relics of a civilization seventy years old when the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. The old adobe church with its continued service and the old house are still standing and occupied. Here we take a sad farewell because one cannot but feel sad at the small results from three centuries of opportunity.

From the old we pass into the very new. Two or three railroads were crossing the Indian Territory. Cowboys, Indians and half-breeds were holding possession one day, when presto, thousands pour into this promised land by rail, on foot, on horseback, on bicycles, men clinging to the

cowcatcher of the locomotive, women, pushed through the open windows of the cars. All sorts of people are here, men without a cent, men with money, speculators, honest settlers and thousands drawn in by the contagion of the wild charge. Here is a townsite. Morning finds nothing but peewits, curlew, horned toads, rattle-snakes, prairie dogs, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas and sheep ticks, and evening finds a city; mayor elected; board of aldermen installed and all the offices of the city government in full blast, including policemen, of which there is great need. Did Aladdin's lamp ever produce a greater change? On your first visit you try to get something to eat: "Yes, we have some crackers and cheese, no cheese, all gone." On our next visit we find grand hotels, full menus, including soft shell crabs and live broiled lobsters, or a la carte in the grill room; agricultural college in full swing, pupils from everywhere studying the germ theory under glass. As we leave the town with its fine houses and peach trees already bearing we seem to be out in the wilderness, a little shanty here and another miles away the only token of life: Don't be so sure Mr. Tenderfoot. The ground is alive with folks. Yes, they are beginning to come out of the ground, and now the road is black with teams. To be sure it is 100 degrees in the shade and the shade forty miles away in Kansas; but that is nothing to these people. They are on a road to a church dedication. At high noon we lunch and at two the church is full. Very poor are these people but first-class stock. They have not even a communion set, only a catsup bottle



CHURCH DEDICATION. OKLAHOMA.



AN INDIAN TEPEE. OKLAHOMA.

for wine and a common plate for bread.

Off again and now we halt beside a butte. A church stands on the hill waiting dedication. Two houses only, general store post-office and anything you want, have no pianos as yet, but, "I can order you one." Seats for the new church not yet arrived, but nail kegs and planks answer all purposes. Fifteen minutes before meeting time no one is in sight. "Don't you worry" says the superintendent, "they will be here." And just then they begin to show as if coming out of the ground. "Most of them are," said mine host. I began to preach on the Christian armor; talked thirty minutes, about to stop, but no, "go on, go on, there's lots of people coming." So I take another piece of the armor and talk another thirty minutes on that. "Don't stop, over a hundred and fifty people outside; some of them have come thirty miles." Happily I have more armor left for a third sermon and then the dedication and communion.

It was a cloudless moonlight night and I shall never forget those people as they went their several ways, melting out of sight as they passed the near horizon. One man I saw who was at the afternoon meeting. I mentioned the fact. "Yes," he said, "I would have come from Enid if I had to ride a cow." Ah, Enid and North Enid, what memories are stirred at the mention of those names; all right now but what trouble then! The railway, government and the Indian all wanting their own way, houses burned until the fire insurance companies cancelled all policies, all save one, and that was our church and parsonage, while good old Father Hawkes in his old army coat and rifle by his side kept watch, sleeping for

weeks in his clothes, with one eye open.

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THE OPEN HEARTH.

Every department of the Open Hearth shows a marked increase over the preceding years, and the promise for the future is most encouraging to those who have watched the growth of the institution from its first start.

The woodyard is doing its work in furnishing employment to large numbers who nightly apply for lodging, and who are provided with a bed and morning lunch for a few hours' work. The number of lodgers, also, who, for a small amount, are supplied with a good bed, is very large, and the lunch table is also well patronized.

On the 1st of January we welcomed our new superintendent, Rev. J. H. Jackson, and all feel that, with his experience and under his leadership,

many will be led to give up evil ways and follow those which are good.

The mission room is well filled every evening, and the addresses of our superintendent listened to with an earnestness which gives evidence of the good effects produced. Old friends are coming back and new faces appear at almost every evening meeting. The morning meetings at quarter before 10 o'clock are well attended, and it is hoped will bear good fruit.

In fact, our citizens generally should bear in mind that the Open Hearth is doing a great work for our city, and should aid by their presence and support in the good work.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Christmas season was observed at the Village Street chapel, by a series of festivities, various organizations celebrating as seemed most appropriate.

A special Christmas program was given in the Sunday-school, the children taking part in recitations and songs. Mr. E. C. Knapp, assistant pastor at the Fourth Congregational church, gave an address. A special offering was taken for the support of a child in India.

The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday-school was given December 26, when the children received their gifts, and were treated to ice-cream and cake.

The Mothers' Meeting, Loyalty Club, Sewing School and Junior Loyalty Club had entertainments on different days and evenings, and were made very happy.

On the Sunday evening before Christmas, stereopticon views on the Life of Christ were given, with an address in English by the Italian pastor, Rev. Mr. De Carlo. There was a large attendance and a very profitable evening was spent.



STREET SCENE IN SANTA FE.



ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

The Christmas entertainment witnessed a new departure this year, for Santa Claus, instead of bestowing presents came with empty pack to be filled by the children. They were as delighted to give as to receive; and the letters from the matrons of the school for the Blind Children, and the Newington Home, telling of the delight their gifts gave, amply paid for any sacrifice. The senior department of our Sunday-school is at present without a superintendent, Mr. D. G. Smythe having resigned after years of service. Mr. Jordan from the Seminary has been elected president of the Young People's Society, in place of Mr. Bay, resigned.

Dr. Stone spent three evenings in Winsted, January 11, 12 and 13, assisting Mr. Elmer in special services.

Pastors Twichell and Stone exchanged pulpits on Sunday morning, January 15, thereby giving the conscientious "stay-at-homes" an opportunity to get acquainted with their neighbor's style of presenting the gospel.

NORTH METHODIST.

The Sunday-school Christmas entertainment took the form this year of a giving Christmas. Each scholar brought some gift to be given to those less fortunate than themselves. There were a large number of gifts, including food, clothing and toys. There was also a very pleasant program, each class providing one number.

The Standard Bearers held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Freeman on Monday, January 16. The missionary mite boxes were opened at this meeting.

Sunday evening, January 15, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Jos. Irons, of Atlanta, Ga., a former pastor of the church.

The next meeting of the Methodist Social Union of Central Connecticut, will be held at our church on Friday, January 27.

The annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held the latter part of December. The officers elected for

the new year were the same as last. Superintendent, Howard A. Camp; assistant superintendents, Miss E. J. Cairns and Mr. L. H. Scranton; secretary and treasurer, C. W. Hills; librarian, Mr. S. T. Whelan.

At the morning service, January 22, Rev. W. A. Richard, the presiding Elder, will preach.

FIRST BAPTIST.

At the men's meeting on Sunday, January 8, Principal Charles H. Keyes of the South School gave a short address of great interest to all present.

On Monday evening, January 9, the annual meeting of the First Baptist Society was to have been held, but was postponed to the 19th, when a good number was in attendance, and the reports of officers and committees were presented.

On Tuesday evening, January 10, the annual roll call was held, followed by an entertainment and social, during which refreshments were served.

The envelopes for 1905 offerings have been recently distributed. Mr. L. C. Glazier has envelopes for those who desire them, but who have not heretofore received them.

The annual meeting of the church was held Monday evening, January 16.

On Tuesday evening last, the adjourned quarterly business meeting of the Young People's Association was held.

A special missionary meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held on Friday. Rev. C. L. Davenport of Mandalay, Burmah, spoke on "Eurasian School Work."

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Wednesday evening, December 21, 1904, a meeting under the auspices of the Hartford Baptist Union was held in this church. The program consisted of music and recitations. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Oscar Haywood, pastor of the First Baptist church of Waterbury. A reception by the Baptist pastors of the city was held at the close of the meeting.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening, December 25, was devoted to a history of the Life of Christ, illustrated by the stereopticon.

Our annual Christmas entertainment for the Bible school was held December 27, in the chapel. Despite the weather, a large number were present, and all enjoyed the songs, recitations, tableaux, arrival of Santa Claus and distribution of gifts. The

Christmas spirit was manifested by the contributions of provisions which were brought, to be sent to the more unfortunate in our midst.

Beginning January 1, 1905, the Sunday morning service will commence at 10.30 a. m.

Friday, January 6, Mr. Tanaka, a Japanese student, spoke before the Women's Missionary Society at their regular meeting this date.

Beginning the first Sunday in January, after meetings are being held at the close of each service. These meetings are conducted by the Y. P. S. C. E.

On Sunday, December 25, after a brief talk by the pastor, everyone in the Bible school, except the primary department, declared their desire to become Christians.

On Thursday evening, January 12, Rev. L. W. Cronkhite, a missionary from Burma, gave a very interesting and helpful talk on some of his experiences in the field. At the close, a number of interesting things made by the children of that country were shown.

A social in charge of the Advisory Committee is announced for January 24.

The annual meeting of the South Baptist Society for the election of officers, etc., will be held Monday evening, January 16.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday-school was held the Monday after Christmas, and was apparently much enjoyed by the children. There were recitations, exercises and songs by the children, a short talk by the pastor, and the distribution of presents from the tree. The school is indebted to a number of friends, outside of its membership, who contribute annually for the gifts.

The annual meeting of the church, with rollcall, was held Monday evening, January 2. It was far from being a pleasant night, and consequently the attendance was not so large as had been expected. The death of Mrs. Eliza Hoskins Case made the only change in the membership for the year 1904. One hundred and fifty names were read at the rollcall, and there were forty responses in person and fifty-one by written communication. The report of the church treasurer showed a slight increase over the previous year in the benevolences. Contributions were made to the six national societies. Very interesting reports were given by the various offi-

cers of the Sunday-school, including the Home Department, which has 26 members, and the Yoke Fellows' class. At the election of officers, no changes were made save in the case of the standing committee. Light refreshments were served and a social hour was spent after the business meeting.

We have lost by death two of our church members this year, Mrs. Mary Burnard Talmadge and Miss Harriet Newell Allyn. Mrs. Talmadge died at St. Francis hospital, January 2, but an hour or two before the church meeting. She was a native of Bloomfield, but had spent much of her married life elsewhere, and had recently brought her letter from the church in Gloversville, N. Y. She was one of a family of seven, the five sisters and one brother surviving her. Miss Allyn has been an invalid nearly all of her long life. She would have been ninety years old at her next birthday. A great sufferer she was, still an example of cheerful Christian faith and patience. She joined the Sunday-school when it was first organized in 1827, and united with the church in 1868. For all these years she has been most lovingly and tenderly cared for in the family of her nephew by marriage, Oscar J. Tobie. The funeral was attended at the house Saturday, January 14.

On account of illness, our organist, Mrs. M. J. Bradley, has been unable to play for the past three Sundays. Her place has been filled by Miss Helen Umstead.

The pastor's class in Sunday-school presented him with a fine silk umbrella at Christmas.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Owing to the accident to the furnace, there was no evening service on January 8 and 15, and the morning service was held in the chapel.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the scholars of the Sunday-school was held on the evening of December 28. There was a pleasing program, and ice cream and cake were served. Each scholar was given a box of candy.

At the last communion service, New Year's day, twelve persons united with the church on probation, four by letter, one in full membership from probation, and one person was baptized.

The first public meeting of the Hartford League of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in the First church, Wednesday evening, January 18. Frank Mason North, D. D., of New York, will speak on "The Evangelization of a City."

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual Christmas entertainment was held on the evening of Thursday, December 22. The hall was beautifully decorated with the Christmas colors, the tree being in the center. The exercises consisted of music and recitations by members of the Sunday-school, under Miss Lanphear's direction, and were much applauded. They were followed by the distribution of presents and candy to all the members of the school. Miss Reardon was the recipient of a handsome Cluny lace table cover from her class. Rev. Mr. Waite received a present of books.

On Christmas Sunday, the pastor preached on the "Mission of Jesus," and the choir sang Mr. N. H. Allen's "New-Born King." On New Year's Sunday, Rev. Mr. Waite took for his topic, "A New Year and a New Leaf." It was the 13th anniversary of his settlement over the society, and it had been intended to hold the annual reception Saturday evening, but circumstances compelled an indefinite postponement.

At a meeting of the Charitable Society, held December 30, the committee reported the receipts of the supper on the evening of December 2 as \$34. It was voted to make a present of \$10 to the Sunday-school, and to spend the rest in charitable work. The January social was held Friday evening, the 13th. Progressive whist furnished the entertainment.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

The church and chapel were beautifully decorated with wreaths and festoons of evergreen for the Christmas season Sunday evening, December 25; the children gave a Christmas cantata taken from "The Ladies' Home Journal."

Wednesday evening, December 28, the regular Christmas exercises were held in the chapel. Songs and recitations were given by the children and Santa Claus came down the chimney into the fireplace. Some of the presents were hung on a large Christmas tree. An interesting lecture was given on Palestine and the Holy Land, the same evening.

The annual Church Day was held on December 29. The reports of the different societies connected with the church were given in the afternoon. The Church Aid Society served supper at 6 o'clock, followed by an evening service. Deacon Joshua Belden, having served as superintendent of

the Sunday-school for twenty-five years, resigned at this meeting. A committee was appointed to select a successor.

January 8, Duane Griffin gave a temperance lecture at the evening service.

In the death of Miss Elizabeth Willard, our church loses its oldest member.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The attendance at supper, at the annual meeting, was 129, one of the largest gatherings we have had.

The cancellation of the church debt and legacies of six thousand dollars for endowments gave zest to the singing of the doxology. The pastor was presented with a hundred dollars for forward movement work. There were few changes in the election of officers. The report of the Sunday-school for the first year, under the graded system, was very gratifying. The total enrolled, 511, including home department and cradle roll, is probably the largest in its history, and the average attendance increased 26 over the previous year.

Five members were added to the church January 1, four of them on confession of faith.

Christmas was celebrated by the Sunday-school, in the afternoon, with exercises by the children, which were quite creditable to them.

The special services last month, by leading ministers, were highly successful, and interested many who do not ordinarily attend; and another course is to be given, conducted by laymen, Judge Peck of Bristol being the first speaker, to be followed later by Secretary Jacks of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Roszelle, and others.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Tuesday, December 20, the Christian Endeavor Society gave Miss Tillie Coe a very pleasant surprise, a kind of pre-nuptial reception, as Miss Coe was married just one week later to Mr. William W. Corlis, and went directly to her new home in northern New York.

December 23 there was an old-fashioned Christmas tree at the church, with a Santa Claus, and plenty of home-made candy for all.

Thursday evening, December 29, came the annual rollcall of the church. This event, as ever, was one of much interest to the goodly number who were present.

The week of prayer, usually appointed for the beginning of January, was, in this church, postponed to Passion Week. But during the current month, cottage prayer meetings are being held, at which the attendance is good, and the interest is strong.

Sunday evening, January 15, the Glenwood pulpit was occupied by Rev. H. E. Peabody of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Wednesday evening, January 11, was a delightful one for the people and friends of this church, it being the 45th anniversary of our dear pastor, Dr. E. P. Parker. He has the longest pastorate of any in the city, Rev. J. H. Twitchell being next in line. Fine music by the choir was interspersed with the speeches. Gen. Charles Joslyn presided, and introduced the speakers, the first being Rev. R. H. Potter, pastor of our mother church, the Center. He was followed by Messrs. L. F. Robinson, A. C. Dunham, W. W. Hyde, Charles H. Clark and Rev. J. H. Twitchell. A beautiful hymn, composed for the occasion by Dr. Parker, was then sung by choir and congregation. After the people were seated, Mr. Joslyn went and took Dr. Parker by the hand and led him to the platform, where he feelingly responded. This was followed by a selection by the choir, after which Mrs. Parker joined her husband and all the people passed down the center aisle, where they were received by them, then passed out into the chapel, where an orchestra was stationed, refreshments served and a social time was enjoyed.

FIRST METHODIST.

On Sunday, January 15, Rev. Dr. C. W. McCormick gave for his morning subject, "A Three-Fold Message from Two Worlds" (2 Peter 2: 9, 17, 21). The evening subject was, "An Honest Young Man in an Evil Age" (2 Kings 22:1-2). These sermons, like many others, were given from the pulpit with power and were full of meaning, and should be received in the pew with great profit.

In a little over two months, six members of our church and one member of our school have been removed by death.

At the present writing, we learn that Mr. Farnum H. Lane, at one time organist of this church, is quite sick at his home in East Windsor.

The new church and parsonage are progressing speedily.

The Ladies' Aid Society have a great work ahead. They have pledged two thousand dollars towards the new church. The president of this society is raising an extra thousand dollars alone.

The fourth quarterly conference was held at the church at the close of the prayer service Thursday, January 12, Elder Richards presiding.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Christmas Sunday-school entertainment was a marked success, being of a similar character as in the last three years, each class bringing gifts of clothing, provisions, toys, etc., which were afterwards sent down to the Open Hearth.

Preceding this, J. H. Porter of West Hartford gave his exhibition of "The House That Jack Built," legerdermain and ventriloquism, which was followed by a cantata, written by Judge McAdam, rendered by the scholars of the school in costume of the Colonial days.

The Men's Club undertook the decorating of the church for the Christmas season, and brought credit to the parish for the artistic results of their labors.

Reports have been distributed to the parents of the Sunday-school scholars for the quarter ending December 31, and as a rule, show splendid results, especially in the Graded Session department, which meets in the morning at 9.30 o'clock.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday evening, January 15, Mr. Tatsu Tanaka spoke on "The Life and Customs of Japan," in the parlors, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon.

The annual meeting was held last Thursday evening, and all the present officers re-elected with one exception, Mr. Charles R. Burt declining re-election as a member of the Society's Committee.

We regret the sorrow that has entered the homes of Mr. Willard, Miss Talmadge and Dr. Segur, and we extend them our heartfelt sympathy.

A Mission Study Class has been formed under the able leadership of Mr. H. I. Gardner of the Seminary, meeting at 8.30 p. m., Thursday, at the close of the regular prayer meeting. The course will be a series of studies of Japan. The subject is both timely and interesting.

A BOY DRUNKARD.

Pathetic Scene in a Brooklyn Police Justice's Court.

Only sixteen years old and yet a habitual drunkard! Amazing as the idea may seem, even in this high speeding age, it is said to be fulfilled in the case of Martin Keegan of Brooklyn.

Young Keegan was taken before Justice Naumer of the Myrtle avenue court in Brooklyn, charged with being a common sot.

The boy was attended by his mother, a woebegone looking little woman upon whom the burden of life seemed to rest very heavily.

When the magistrate looked at the boy and asked him if he was not ashamed he got no reply, but the momentary silence was broken by the sobbing voice of the mother. "If he is not ashamed he ought to be," she said. Then covering her face with her hands as if to hide her shame she began to cry.

Once again the magistrate tried to arouse the young man's moral sense or at least to get from him some admission of sorrow, but the effort was in vain.

Seasoning the "justice" in the case with "mercy," Justice Naumer let the young man go, but not without warning him against ever appearing before him again.

It was a pitiful, pathetic sight when the frail little mother, trembling with grief, and the son, trembling from drink, walked arm in arm out of the courtroom.

Wasted Power.

East Liverpool, O., has a population of 20,000 people and 72 saloons. At a banquet given by the Builders' Exchange, at which 100 plates were laid, the president, in responding to the toast "The Home Builders," closed by declaring that if the laboring men of East Liverpool would for one year place in the Building and Loans bank an amount equal to what they spend for drink, subject to the order of the Builders' Exchange, 150 new homes, worth \$1,000 each, could be built and presented to the homeless.

A Novel Saloon Law.

A prominent attorney of Kenosha, Wis., has prepared an ordinance for the city council which will make it impossible for drunkards or blacklisted men to get liquor in Kenosha. The law provides that saloon men must give free drinks on demand of such men and makes a penalty for refusal. The law gives the saloon men the right to keep inebriates out of their places of business.

A Prize For Undrinkable Alcohol.

The Russian minister of finance has offered a prize of \$25,750 to the person who will invent some way of making alcohol undrinkable. B. H. Warner, Jr., consul at Leipzig, Germany, reports to the department of commerce and labor.

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DR. PARKER'S ANNIVERSARY.

Forty-five years is not a short time for any man's work to be sustained, and it signifies a great deal more than the average man can conceive. Here in Hartford it means not merely to stand for that length of time without falling—which in itself is no small task—but to adjust oneself to many changing currents, which in an intellectual center are swifter and more unmanageable than elsewhere. It takes strength to do that sort of thing, and the strength has been forthcoming, for Hartford has been privileged to number among its citizens many powerful Christian minds. And the recognition and response which they have received here in long pastorates has been a tribute both to pastor and people; to the pastor, because he has grasped the things which do not change, and which touch the lives of all generations; to the people, because they have displayed that quality of

appreciation which marks the minds of men who see real strength and respond to it.

There were many "good things and true" spoken at the public celebration of Dr. Parker's forty-fifth anniversary, but among them none truer nor more deeply satisfying than that "Hartford would not be what it is if it were not for Dr. Parker." Cicero could think of nothing that he could wish for more than that, as a reward for his services to the state, his deeds should be remembered. He was willing, he tells us, to dispense with all other insignia and monuments, if he could only be assured of the eternal memory of his deeds. Cicero was a wise man in making such discrimination, and even Rome could never have promised in good faith the measure of memory which was destined to be accorded to him. There is a deep satisfaction in the consciousness of having "built into the structure of eternity."

Few men have combined in good proportion the qualities of receiving and of imparting influence. But we feel that there lies one of the meanings of that tribute to Dr. Parker, above quoted, that he has, during these years, adjusted himself marvelously to such changed conditions and points of view as demanded adjustment. And yet, that far more than most men with that amount of time behind them, he has led the thoughts of the community. We are glad, exceedingly glad, that he is with us, and many an earnest prayer goes up from those who realize what his work has been and is to-day, that he may be spared to us yet a good while.

THE REFORMATORY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

The proposition to build a \$400,000 reformatory, whether it prove expedient or not to carry it out, is but another illustration of the spirit of "caring for one's own," of which we are justly proud. Oftentimes a thing which in itself may be unadvisable—like giving money to mendicants—demonstrates nevertheless the existence of impulses which we are bound to admire. It may prove that the state is not ready to undertake the expenditure of so large a sum for this purpose, but it is a splendid thing to see the thoughtfulness and painstaking represented in the report recently submitted.

It has been left for those distinctively Christian in sympathy—and yet even un-Christian people are not unwilling to be convinced—to see that

there is something redeemable in criminals, especially those of youthful age; and to observe that the golden thread may readily be corrupted by the hardened associations of prison life. Nor do we find undue emphasis laid upon the advantage to accrue to the individual, but rather more laid upon the betterment of the community. This is the tenor of the report of the Commission. This is that legitimate "self-interest," of which so much has been heard in time past, which has built up the institutional departments of this city and state to a point rarely equalled or approached. We should like to see the reformatory idea perfected and carried out, either in the present or in the near future.

A strenuous effort is being made to change the relations between the church and the stage—either to convert actors or to make the church somewhat more theatrical. A chapter of the Actors' Church Alliance of America was organized recently at Trinity church, Washington. Rev. W. E. Bentley, the rector, lamented the chasm which existed between the church and stage, and said the aim of the alliance was to put an end to the prejudice and misunderstanding which exists. He said there were many chapters of the Alliance throughout the country. Bishop Potter is president and Joseph Jefferson vice-president. In the membership are 1,162 clergymen of different denominations in over 600 cities and towns of the United States. Rev. Mr. Williams, rector, said the stage had become a potent factor in society, and the needs of the modern world demand amusement for the sake of health and mental growth. The church should make known its attitude towards the stage, and if possible raise the standard by improving the public taste.

The tramp problem does not seem to concern Hartford people a great deal. There was a little agitation some time ago, but the tramps are still with us—an unalloyed nuisance, or worse. The compulsory bathing and work required by many municipalities has been successful to a remarkable degree in lessening the tramp nuisance. It would work as well here, but the man has not yet appeared to push the scheme.

The Mormon inquiry, now in progress in Washington, will hardly contribute to the prestige of that religious organization. The practice of marriage and divorce after death, as

practiced by them, is an atrocity which any mind not diseased by a false religion would instinctively abhor.

A temperance rally will be held at City Mission Hall, Wednesday evening, February 1. Rev. C. G. Clark of Plainville will be the speaker, and an interesting address is assured. All are invited to attend.



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

January 10 the union held its regular meeting. The devotional service was led by Mrs. H. R. Rossiter of the Charity Organization Society.

The address was given by Mrs. M. B. Wilson, the president of Hartford County Union. Mrs. Wilson took for her subject, "Some of the danger points of to-day," which were depicted in a forceful manner, showing that much thought had been given to the subject.

The Union voted to present twenty-five comfort bags to soldiers of the battleship Connecticut.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

An event of unusual interest was the Christmas celebration, with its dinner, evening entertainment and Christmas tree. This event is anticipated with keen interest by the women and girls, and all who can do so, plan to be present. Several former members of our family, who are now living at some distance from Hartford, arranged to come. There were fifty present in the evening, and all were remembered with useful gifts from the tree, and enjoyed the music and recitations provided for their entertainment.

Our Home has been well filled during the past month, and there has been during most of the time a real effort on the part of the women to be helpful and kind in the Home. Most of those who have gone out have expressed a desire to live right, and we are always interested to follow such, keeping in touch with them where possible either by personal calls or by correspondence, and we are gratified to find that many women

after leaving our Home are able to earn their living by honorable employment and live sober and honest lives.

About fifteen new members have come into the Sunshine Society during the month past. New members are always welcome, and every one increases the capacity for usefulness of this society.

Many magazines and books are constantly being sent in, and they are all used to good advantage. Calendars and scrap-book pictures have also been contributed. Three "comfort bags" for sailors have been acknowledged, and the sailors who receive them will surely count themselves fortunate.

Notes of thanks have been constantly arriving since Christmas, so that all who contributed in any way to the Sunshine work of the Society may feel well pleased with the happiness they have helped to cause.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Exchange was held Friday, Jan. 13. The officers were re-elected, and four new members were added to the board of managers.

Rev. Samuel Fisk, who was formerly associated with the work of the Chapter House of the King's Daughters, on Prospect avenue, conducted the evening service there Sunday, Jan. 15.

The ladies of the Good Samaritan Chapter of King's Daughters are arranging for a fair, to be given in the near future, the proceeds of which will be used in furthering the work among their blind friends.

The regular meeting of the Hartford branch of the Children's Aid Society was held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17, at the rooms in the Cheney building. Tea was served and plans for work discussed.

The day nursery of the Union for Home Work continues to be well patronized, and occupies a large field of very definite value.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND AN AUTO SCHOOL.

The Automobile school, as conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association has passed from an experiment. It is now highly endorsed by automobile experts over the country. The school, which will be opened on February 1, by the local as-

sociation, should appeal to the following classes of men:

The mechanic, who wants to put his skill into a new and attractive line that pays well.

The prospective owner, who wants to know how to select a satisfactory car.

The owner, who wants to know how to operate and care for his own machine.

The rich man, who is in the auto business for pleasure and wants the latest and best.

Other men who know that it is a growing business and want to get in line for a good position. Catalog giving full particulars can be secured at the Young Men's Christian Association.

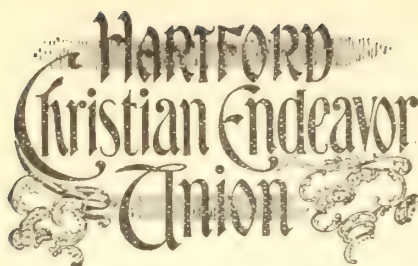
THE KINGDOM GROWING IN CHINA.

Let Dr. William Ashmore set forth the stupendous changes witnessed in the Celestial Empire since the first missionary attempted to set foot upon its soil.

"Instead of one man, Morrison, and his wife, we behold 2,785 missionaries, men and women. Instead of one convert, Liang Afa, we see 112,000. Instead of one preaching place in a dirty out-of-the-way alley in Canton, we see 653 preaching centers, and 2,476 subordinate places where the gospel is sounding out probably 10,000 times a week, to say nothing of all the way-side preaching that is done. We see great cities occupied and great audiences gathered, sometimes as many as 2,000 at a time. We see great school buildings going up, colleges and universities being founded. We see great Bible societies and great power printing presses at work. We see numerous hospitals, with 200 medical missionaries, who treat nearly 200,000 patients annually."—Missionary Review.

THE NEED OF MISSIONS.

I have seen, in China, missionaries' houses thronged from 7 o'clock in the morning till dark by those who are anxious for Christian instruction, pleading and begging for it, men who have come two hundred and three hundred miles, as in Manchuria, begging that Christian teachers might be sent to them, having heard from colporteurs and those who had been in medical missions enough to make them long to know the way of God more perfectly, and always the answer is given, "We have neither men or money."—Isabella Bird Bishop.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

To Christian Endeavorers:

My Dear Friends: I had hoped that the arrangements for our winter meeting would be completed in season for this issue of the "Church Review," but my physical condition has been such that I have been unable to give the matter the full attention required.

There is a matter that I would like very much to have brought before every society and that is the so-called "sacred concerts" that are being given in our city theaters. These affairs are harmful and serve only as stepping stones to a complete disregard of the Sabbath by many people.

I would like to have every society take the matter up and send a written remonstrance to myself that can be used by the committee which was appointed by the Hartford Union some time since.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

The International Christian Endeavor convention will be held at Baltimore, July 5-10, 1905. "Stamp it on your memory." Connecticut should be well represented.

The state secretary will gladly furnish further information if desired. It is too early to announce definite rates, but not too early to plan to go.

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

January, 1905.

1. Our goals for 1905. Phil. 3: 12-16. Consecration meeting.
8. The making of a Christian: his birth. John 3: 1-8.
15. Am I my brother's keeper? Gen. 4: 8-15. (Temperance topic.)
22. How to win souls for Christ. John 1: 40-46.
29. Heroes of foreign missions: what they teach us. 2 Cor. 11: 21-28.

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5. What I owe to Christian Endeavor. Ezek. 47: 1-2; Ps. 36: 8. Christian Endeavor Day.
12. Christ a Servant—and we are servants. Phil. 2: 3-11.
19. Glorifying God in our home. Eph. 6: 1-9.

26. Heroes of home missions; what they teach us. Jer. 1: 7-19.

Rev. George W. Hinman, field secretary of Christian Endeavor for China, recently made a very memorable trip into Honan Province, a part of the way riding in the engine of a construction train. Two very interesting Christian Endeavor societies were found in this interior region. A day and a night on a river boat brought him to Go-kia-keo, where another society was reported, and a further journey in a springless cart brought him to Chen-cheo, the city of Confucius, where a company of Endeavorers met him two miles out, waving palm branches. He reports prospects for Christian Endeavor in China very favorable.

Three new Floating societies have recently been organized, on the battleship Ohio and the cruisers Boston and Newark.

In Sweden in 1902 there were three societies of Christian Endeavor. In 1904 there were 110 societies, members of the union, and more than three hundred altogether. The Christian Endeavor organ, De Ungas Tidning, which printed 8,000 copies in 1902, now prints 14,000 copies.

The first active member of the first Hungarian Christian Endeavor Society, Miss Tauer, is now devoting herself to improving the condition of factory girls. Another Hungarian Endeavorer, Mr. Darby, is soon to go out as a missionary. New societies are being organized in Hungary.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Little Amzi (who has an inquiring mind): "Uncle Tim, I saw the word in the newspaper—what is the 'curriculum' of a college?"

Uncle Timrod (promptly): "Curriculum, eh? Why, that's what them 'ere mop-headed college students comb their hair with."—Puck.

The Shannon Drug Store, now E. G. Lathrop & Co., has long been a popular place for filling prescriptions. Only skilled prescription clerks are employed. The store in addition always carries an excellent line of proprietary medicines, toilet articles and the usual line of patent medicines.

Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "when a man says he doesn't care for money, he means dat he hasn't any ability foh takin' care of it."—Washington Star.

The supply of meats, poultry, vegetables, etc., carried by the Franklin Market, 516 Main street, is always of the best and freshest. Mr. E. H. Harris, the proprietor, has made of his market one of Hartford's leaders.

"Who comes there?" called little Willie, the sentry, with his deadly wooden gun. "A friend!" answered little Tommie from behind the rocking-chair. "Advance, and give the countersign," hissed the sentry, "or I'll shoot your head off." Ominous silence, then Tommie said plaintively, "I've forgot it." "You can't remember nuthin'," exclaimed Willie, in disgust, throwing down his gun. "Cum over here an' I'll whisper it to yer ag'in."—Ohio State Journal.

Mistress: "What in the world are you putting ashes on the floor for, Bridget?"

Bridget: "Sure, ma'am, an' didn't yez say to doost the parlor?"—Town and Country.

"What's in here?" asked the tourist. "Remains to be seen," responded the guide, as he led the way into the morgue.—Columbia Jester.

"A frying-pan becomes a chafing-dish after it gets into society."—Atchison Globe.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS.

Wanted: A Cook. By Alan Dale. 382 pages, 12mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price, \$1.50.

Alan Dale is one of the best and best-known dramatic critics in this country. It is in realization of these facts that the book at hand is considered, and with regret estimated only as interesting. It is without definite purpose. It is a bit too long and yet it is witty and one reads it through quite absorbed in it, only to lay it down, wondering why?

Alan Dale is a very clever writer, and his troubles with his cooks and his relatives give material enough for his imagination to work upon. Hence this book, which will be widely read and laughed over, in spite of such doubtful praise as conscientious reviewers must accord it.

In the Days of Chaucer. By Tudor Jenks. 302 pages, 12mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price, \$1.00.

This volume is one of the "Lives of Great Writers" series, and tells the story of the life of Geoffrey Chaucer, and of his times,—giving a picture of England as it was known to the au-

thor of the "Canterbury Tales." The writer of this volume, in order to give an adequate idea of the poet, shows him amid scenes and surroundings which made him what he was, and which convey a clear impression of his daily life.

The idea of this book is an excellent one, and will not only interest many anew in the Canterbury Tales, but it will give the best introduction to the work, now possible, to many who have never read the Tales.

Hamilton W. Mabie contributes a very noteworthy introduction to Mr. Jenk's work.

Hope Hathaway. By Frances Parker. 408 pages, 12mo. Boston: C. M. Clark Pub. Co. Price, \$1.50.

This is a tale of the west, written by one obviously familiar with life on the cattle and sheep ranches of the country.

The heroine is a beautiful and fearless girl, a dead shot and a superb horsewoman, whose brave independence is admirable.

A young English sheep raiser comes upon the scene as the hero of the novel, and a pretty love story develops. Altogether the story is a charming and lively one, to which the nine illustrations by Charles M. Russell, the cowboy artist, add a great deal. With every copy of the book, the publishers present a duplicate set of the illustrations, in size and style designed for framing, or for addition to an art portfolio.

The Life and Work of the Rev. E. J. Peck Among the Eskimos. By Rev. Arthur Lewis. 350 pages, 12mo. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Price, \$1.75.

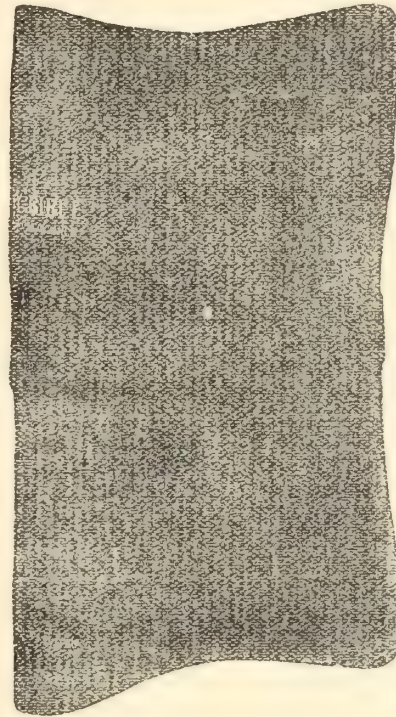
Stories of the frozen Northland have never been so frequent as to-day, and yet here is a new and truthful tale, fascinating and vivid, full of wonder and of exciting scenes.

The devoted English missionary with whom this book deals, carried on for many years a great work among a peculiar people. Isolated from all that he held dearest, and visited only by an occasional ship, Mr. Peck worked and preached, living in most respects as the natives lived, and enduring the same hardships and trials that afflicted them.

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The Presence of Christ.

Christ is not multiplied, but his presences are multiplied. He is like the soul of the great mystic body, informing and vivifying every living member thereof.—Rev. A. Biever, Catholic, New Orleans.

The Breath of Life.

Man becomes a living soul only as the breath of the Almighty is blown into the nostrils of his will and intellect. It is only as the divine becomes incarnated in men's business and bosoms that we have a manhood and activity that are spiritual life.—Rev. S. C. Eby, Swedenborgian, St. Louis.

Necessity of Religion.

Religion I hold to be necessary for the individual that he may place himself right before God and his own soul. Religion is also necessary today, not alone for the preservation of the individual, but for the preservation of those institutions that have grown up under the ægis of Christianity.—Archbishop Glennon, Catholic, St. Louis.

Enthusiasm in Religion.

Somehow the world has more admiration for a big, stalwart, courageous devil than for a puny, weak, indifferent angel. Enthusiasm at least warms up things, and I would rather have a hot box in the machinery of the church than the whole gospel train stalled in a snowdrift of congenial indifference.—Rev. J. M. Markley, Congregationalist, Denver.

The Lesson of the Master.

Would you attain a well rounded, useful, happy life? Then note well the lesson of the Master. Daily send your multitudes away if only for a few minutes; then go apart for silent communion with God. When even comes, before you sleep, let it always find you alone with God, your Father, who watches over you through the hours of the night.—Rev. Henry Mottet, Episcopalian, New York.

The One Just Record.

The only absolutely just record of our lives is with God. He searcheth our hearts. He knows the motives of our best and worst deeds. We may deceive ourselves, and we may succeed in deceiving others, but we cannot deceive him. Our sorrows and our shame, our desires and our purposes, our imagination and mental struggles, our ideals and dreams—all, all are known to him who readeth our lives, who "hath set our secret sins in the light of his countenance."—Rev. Dr. Charles C. Albertson, Germantown, Pa.

The Great Uniter.

The cross is the great uniter. It unites men with God. It is here that men are drawn toward God. It is the only place where God can meet God.

We can see and meet God in the sunshine, in nature. But the cross is the only place where Christ gets right down to the level of man and atonement. The word means at-one-ment, to be with one God. God put himself at man's level with the incarnation, but he put himself at man's lowest level on the cross. His love is simply unspeakable.—Rev. Dr. John E. White, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

The All Important Thing.

The all important thing is the formation of a character that shall withstand the wreck of ages and the crash of worlds. Many of us imagine that the testing time of character is a sort of accident. We hear the Master telling of the roaring winds, the falling water and the rushing floods in the case of the man who built his house upon a rock and of his neighbor who built his on the sand, and we fancy that the storm was only an accident. But in the truest sense the storm is a necessity. To live is to be tempted, and in its last analysis character itself is its own severest test.—Rev. H. S. Bradley, Presbyterian, Atlanta, Ga.

The Path of Joy.

Pleasure is desirable and laudable. If ideal conditions could prevail pleasure would be the condition of every one. That conditions are not ideal is due to ignorance. People seek pleasure in the wrong way and at the expense of others. Work, from which most people shrink, is a way to pleasure, for when we become accustomed to our tasks that which is achieved gives pleasure, while pleasure pursued in a wrong way and for itself alone ceases in the end to be found. Real pleasure comes to every healthful person through a succession of work and play, but the purest pleasure comes to him who tries to create conditions favorable to the happiness of all men.—Rev. William M. Backus, Unitarian, Chicago.

Religion in the Home.

Family worship is essential to true home life. Whenever young people set up a home they ought to erect an altar. Religion in the home is more important than anywhere else. In the family the day should begin and close with God. Family prayer should be brief, yet comprehensive enough to compass the wants of the family. The selections of Scriptures should be made with care. As a rule, family devotion should be conducted at about the same hour morning and evening. Where men and women plan for such devotions family religion becomes pleasant and profitable.—Rev. D. G. Wylie, Presbyterian, New York.

Planning One's Life Work.

It is foolish to plan a house which will collapse the moment you stop working on it. When you lay a plan for the object of your toil, take in the entire range of life—today, tomorrow, the rainy day, old age and the life beyond the grave, for there is such a life. What is the use of toiling all day for what will not keep overnight? What is the use of working a lifetime to get

nothing which you can use in an eternity of living yet to come? What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Then take a broad view of life, with its needs and opportunities, and plan your work right from the very start. Plan such a life work as God, whose you are, whether you acknowledge it or not, can be pleased with and can use in his own great plan for you and for the rest of mankind.—Rev. Dr. Robert R. White, Presbyterian, New York.

No Romance in Vice.

There is nothing romantic about vice. When a man who at twenty-eight gave promise of power as an author and of great usefulness as an apostle of righteousness dies at sixty like a withered tree, what is more eloquent than the charitable silence of kindly men who gently lower the body of the misguided prodigal into his grave? Let any one fascinated by the various forms of prodigality remember there are two things about the road—at one end may be wine suppers and flatterers; at the other end husks and awful loneliness. But for those who have traveled farthest by the wrong route there is hope. Begin again.—Rev. F. E. Hopkins, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Religion and Good Health.

About half of the world's melancholia comes from disordered nerves, indigestion and torpid liver. It is time the pulpit preached without reservation the intimate connection between happiness, morality and health. In olden times the priest was physician as well as priest. The way of the dyspeptic is the way of gloom. It is difficult to be a saint and have indigestion at the same time. The first secret of happiness is to have good health. If you have it, so live as to keep it, and if you have it not let your first business be to get health. Smiles will come with good, fresh blood, and as pains vanish laughter will come, and seen through healthy eyes the world will become rosy with a thousand dawns and reverent with a thousand twilights.—Rev. R. A. White, Universalist, Chicago.

The Light of God's Face.

Let the Lord "lift up upon you the light of his face;" then shall "the shadows flee away," and in that light you shall see light, the steep slope sparkling with it, the rugged way cheered by it, pouring through the windows of the room when you are sobbing with your head on the pillow, creeping through the grass into the grave. Oh, that wondrous light on the face of God! There is the heaven of an eternal love in it, an invitation to the farthest off sinner, a rose of dawn for the deepest down outcast, a day-break over all the underworlds of darkness, a divine philosophy that will turn Gethsemane into a paradise, salvation for a Magdalene, forgiveness for a Peter, courage for an Elijah drooping under a tree, handfuls of flowers for little children, blood and iron for the righteous conquests of mankind, beds bathed in glory for the evening songs of dying saints.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Christmas was observed on Sunday, December 25, by the Sunday-school service, held at 4 o'clock. Carols were sung and an address made by the rector. The school is larger than ever before this year.

The usual entertainment for the school was held on Wednesday evening, December 28, Holy Innocents' Day, at the Memorial House. Supper was served and a Christmas play given in the hall. Each scholar received a present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Kippen celebrated their golden wedding at the Old People's Home on Jefferson street, on Thursday. The rector was present, and the vestry represented, as well as a large number of the members of this church. Mr. Kippen is an esteemed member of the church of the Good Shepherd, was also a member of the vestry, and a former treasurer for a number of years. The occasion was marked by the well wishes of the large number of friends present, and was a splendid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Kippen.

The January meeting of the Men's League will be held Thursday, January 19, at the Memorial House. Rev. Ernest DeF. Miel, of Trinity church, will speak on "Improved Housing Conditions for Hartford." There will be solo singing and the usual social hour after the address.

The subject of the Sunday afternoon addresses by the rector in the church is "Some Studies in the Life of St. Paul."

Bishop Brewster will visit the church on Sunday, February 12, to confer the rite of Confirmation. A class is being instructed for this rite by the rector at his study.

The winter number of the parish paper, "Parish of the Good Shepherd," has just been issued, and has a great deal of information as to parish matters.

GRACE EPISCOPAL, WINDSOR.

By the time this issue of "The Review" appears, the installing of the new electric lighting system of the church will have been accomplished. The improvement will be a decided one and will add greatly to the attractiveness of the church.

Grace church has, in union with the Congregational and Methodist churches, planned a series of four meetings, for men only, on Sunday

evenings. The first one, led by Rev. Rockwell H. Potter, was held on January 15, in Odd Fellows' Hall. On January 22, Rev. Dr. McCook of Trinity college will give the address, and Rev. Mr. Goodenough of Bristol will speak on January 29. A feature of these meetings is that every man in Windsor received a personal invitation to attend them. The town was divided into districts and one man appointed to see every other man residing in his apportionment. As a result these meetings have been very largely attended, and by a great many who are not regular church goers.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Mrs. F. W. Baker, who was formerly organist in the Congregational church, Plainville, has been secured as organist, beginning January 15. Some additions to the choir and other improvements are also contemplated.

The Young People's Association will give an entertainment in the church parlors Friday evening, January 27, entitled, "A Peddler's Parade and Sale."

Arrangements are being made for cottage meetings to be held every Tuesday evening, in addition to the regular church services.

As soon as the weather will permit, repairs will be made on the church exterior, such as pointing the mason work, etc.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Our meetings are being helped greatly by the purchase of singing books used at the Methodist meetings held recently. The books were purchased through the efforts of Mr. Richard Joslyn.

On Monday, January 2, our Sunday-school entertainment was given. It was one of the most successful ones ever given. Mr. Henry E. Gage was Hans Brink, the Dutch miller, and Mr. Richard Joslyn was Santa Claus. Four Brownies added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. C. F. Agard, our superintendent, had the building of the windmill in charge, and it was a splendid working model.

The Primary class, numbering about eighty, had their entertainment on Tuesday evening, January 3. The program was very entertaining, and reflected great credit on their superintendent, Miss Minnie Lamson.

The election of officers for the coming year will be held Monday evening, January 16.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Five new members were received into church fellowship Sunday, January 1, and the Loyal Workers' Society had an addition of three.

Our Christmas entertainment for the Sunday-school was held Friday evening, December 30.

Mrs. C. Estella Colton, who has been at death's door for a number of weeks, is improving, and in time we hope to have her with us again.

Our church was presented at Christmas time with an elegant new Bible for the pulpit. Mrs. Samuel Spalding was the donor.

We have replaced our much worn carpet with a new one, which improves the appearance of the interior of the church very much.

The W. H. & F. M. Society has prepared a supply for the family needs of our southern ministers, which will be forwarded soon.

The annual business meeting of the church occurs Friday evening, February 3.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Girls' Friendly Society gave a supper that was much enjoyed on Tuesday evening, January 10.

The Missionary Society took a "trolley-ride" on Friday, January 13.

The Men's Club attended church on Sunday and there was hardly a seat to spare. They sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" grandly.

Our Sunday School needs more teachers and we hope to have volunteers for this work.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our Sabbath-school enjoyed its Christmas on the 4th of January, the teachers, in giving, and the little ones in receiving. Our annual church business meeting was postponed from January 11 to January 25. Some of the officers are seriously ill from falls on the ice. Mr. Connell is faithful and untiring in his work in the interest of the church, through much difficulty sometimes.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Sunday School attendance has been excellent lately, 114 being present January 8th.

The hall of the Knights of Pythias has been secured for the boys' meetings and drills.

Entered into rest in the afternoon of January 10, Isabel J. Bradin, after a long and suffering illness, borne

with sweet Christian patience, courage and with a simple yet deepest faith and trust.

The Confirmation classes will begin soon and the rector takes this opportunity to remind those who are unconfirmed of the importance of this step.

The Mutual Aid Association of the Hartford Street Railway Employees, joined in our worship Sunday evening, December 18.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

On account of the illness of our pastor on Sunday, December 25, Rev. Mr. Carey occupied the pulpit in the morning. In the evening a musical service was given by the choir. Mr. W. Roberts conducted the service.

Miss F. Elizabeth Mack read Mr. Sheldon's manuscript on "The First Christmas Tree," by Henry Van Dyke.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday-school were held on Friday evening, December 30, at 7.30 p. m.

Communion was administered at our church on Sunday morning, January 1. In the evening the subject of the address was "Our Goals for 1905."

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. C. P. Daniels.

A series of men's meetings is being held at Odd Fellows' hall on Sunday evening, at 7.30 p. m., under the auspices of the three Windsor churches. Rev. Rockwell H. Potter, Dr. McCook, and Rev. Mr. Good-enough will speak at these meetings. Prof. Fred Bower will conduct a male chorus.

One of the oldest members of our church died on Tuesday, January 10, at her home on Poquonock avenue.

The Ladies' Aid Society will serve a tea in the vestry on Wednesday evening, January 18, at 5.30 p. m.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

The Junior meetings at the chapel have reached the letter "S" in their following of the alphabet. It is an interesting question as to what can be taken up when the alphabet is used up. Why not begin with numbers and bring to the meetings those things in Bible and religious life which occur in or relate to certain numbers? This plan certainly has the advantage of being endless in possibilities.

The Dorcas Society gave a supper on Wednesday evening last. These

suppers are always well attended and seem popular with all.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, preached an inspiring sermon recently on "The Reserved Bounties of Divine Providence."

The new officers for the Junior meetings were elected Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 10.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

A Mission Study Class on Africa will have its first lecture on Monday evening, January 16, at 7.30, in the parish house, and will continue over a course of six weeks. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Ideal Mandolin and Guitar Quintette, with Miss Spencer, elocutionist and Mr. Couch, soloist, will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Young People's Federation on Friday evening, January 20, at 8 o'clock. Admission, fifty cents.

The Men's Class is holding a series of most interesting lectures by prominent men, on various subjects, at noon, Sundays, in the body of the church. All men are most cordially invited.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday-school was held Wednesday evening, December 28, when the younger children gave a St. Nicholas play and each child had a gift and box of candy. Ice cream and cake were served. There were a number of the parents present. Miss Burt, Miss Plympton and Mrs. Russell were the committee.

The service on Christmas day was very successful. The chapel was trimmed with greens from the south. Mr. Camp led the music, and carols of his own composition were sung. Mr. Ranney talked briefly to the children, and Mr. Beadle told the story of the first Christmas tree.

New Year's night the ladies tendered a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Ranney. There was a large attendance and everybody had a very happy time. A number of the city Congregational pastors were present.

On Thursday evening, January 5, Miss Abrams addressed the meeting on "Tenements and What We Can Do About Them in Hartford."

On January 1 Miss Nellie Lucretia Colton and Miss Mary Howard Nutting united with our church.

January 8, Mr. Ranney preached at

Williams college, and Prof. Paton preached in our pulpit, concerning "Christ's Teaching Concerning the Fatherhood of God."

The annual meeting of our church will be held Thursday, January 26, when there will be the roll call of members and refreshments will be served, instead of the usual supper.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

December 28th our Sunday-school Christmas entertainment was held in the Chapel. There were recitations and carols by the school and Santa Claus and a large Christmas tree. Cake and cream were served to all.

Our pastor arranged special meetings for the week of prayer, but the weather was so unfavorable there was only a small attendance.

The annual meeting of our church was held on January 11, about 200 being present to hear the reports and partake of the supper.

There were seven additions, four removals, five deaths, and five baptisms, for the year. Our benevolent contributions showed quite an increase over the previous year.

Our church debt was reduced about \$600, and is now \$3,000, and we expended \$1,300 for necessary repairs and painting, putting the edifice into excellent condition.

We have made gains all along the line and are looking forward to another year of activity.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The property of the parish on Main street has been sold to the Travelers' Insurance Co., No site has as yet been decided on for a new church, but it is expected that a meeting will be held soon to lay plans for the future.

The Literary Club is holding meetings regularly and seems to be quite a success. The play under consideration at the last two meetings was Shakespeare's "As You Like It." They are very interesting and instructive.

The regular monthly vesper service was held in the church Sunday evening, January 15, with a very good audience. The singing of the Arion quartette was very pleasing.

Sunday, January 8, was devoted to the Japan mission, with a special sermon by Dr. Adams. A large collection was taken for the mission.

Sunday, Jan. 29, will be observed as Young People's Day in the church and Y. P. C. U. Special exercises are being arranged.

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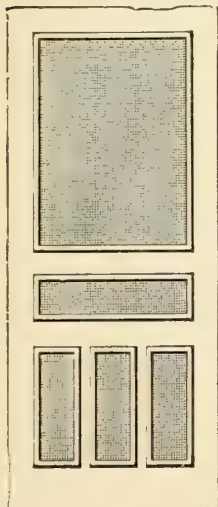
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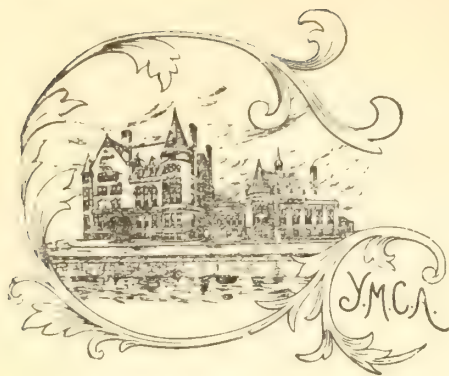
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The directly religious work of the present winter is considered the most aggressive and far-reaching in its influence of any year in the history of the Association in this city. At four of the large factories, a meeting is held once a week, at the noon hour, when practical lessons from the life of Christ are presented to an average of 500 men per week. The evangelistic service for men only in the Hartford Opera House, on Sunday afternoons, is having an average attendance of over 600 men, and a large number of men are giving evidence of accepting the gospel invitation to begin a Christian life. Special meetings were held recently during week nights under the leadership of Francis A. Strough, at the Fourth Congregational Church, under the auspices of the Association. Over 40 people requested prayer during these meetings and quite a number signed cards expressing an intention to enter upon the Christian experience. The bible study work in the building is interesting about 75 men per week and over 50 boys.

The second term of the Hillyer Institute opened last week with good interest, the total enrollment of individual students being higher than any previous year during the last five years. It is expected that this enrollment will be materially increased by the opening of the Automobile School February 1.

The interest and attendance in classes for physical culture, as conducted in the Association gymnasium, is well sustained. Eight classes per week for boys from 10 to 17 years of age are conducted and ten for men over 18 years of age. The aggregate attendance amounts to over one thousand per week, including the boys. During the last two months the three large rooms on the second floor have been converted into dormitories, providing seven attractive rooms which are now occupied by young men. Four rooms on the

fourth floor, which heretofore have been used by employees, have been put in shape and are now rented to young men as dormitories. The large room on the third floor, which has always been used as a fraternity room, but which has never been very profitable, has been rented to Messrs. Lorenz and Honiss, Mechanical Engineers, as a business office and draughting room. These make very desirable changes and will materially increase the rent income.

The Board of Management is making a strong effort to raise \$4,000 needed to clear the present year. They will need much help from many sources to accomplish this. If successful it will place the Association absolutely out of debt, with a building and property in first class condition and the work in a very healthy state.

DR. PARKER'S FEE.

Dr. Joseph Parker would accept nothing but third-class railway fares when he visited poor parishes, but woe to the church that had a reputation for meanness in money matters. He visited one such, where, after service, the deacon said, "Well, Dr. Parker, as to your fee?"

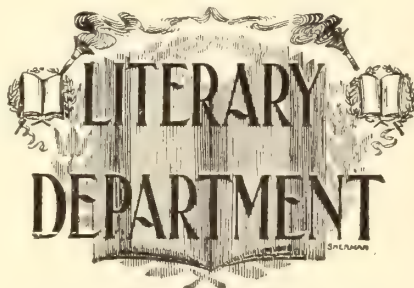
"It is fifty pounds."

The deacon demurred; Dr. Parker insisted. Finally the officials of the church got together and paid over the fifty pounds. Then Dr. Parker said:

"Now, this is not for myself. Some time ago you had So-and-So"—mentioning a somewhat obscure minister—"to preach here. You know that his church is a struggling one, and that he is a poor man, with a large family. You refused to pay him more than his bare railway fares when he came to you on the last occasion."

"To redeem this iniquity on your part I have charged you fifty pounds, and I shall send it on to him as his fee for the sermons he preached here."

—C. E. World.



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The Face Beyond the Door. By Coulson Kernahan. 110 pages, 16mo. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Price, 40 cents.

The subject of human immortality is written of in this little book. It is

a remarkable work, written with overwhelming earnestness and a most reverent spirit.

Of the very few writers who impress one with the thought of genius unheralded, Coulson Kernahan is a notable example. He is one of the younger English writers, but his work has had much high praise.

This new production is a prose-poem, giving not only much to think of, but, in beautiful language, almost affording one a glimpse of the unseen. Dr. Marcus Dods recently asserted that it conveys an impression of Immortality, which mere argument often fails to produce.

Under the Care of the Japanese War Office. By Edith McCaul. 256 pages, 12 mo. New York: Cassell & Co., Ltd. Price \$2.00.

Miss McCaul, R. R. C., who, as a volunteer nurse in the South African war, served in a field hospital with Sir Redvers Buller's column, from the battle of Colenso to the relief of Ladysmith, has just returned from a special mission to Japan and Manchuria. This she undertook with the sanction of Queen Alexandra, in order to obtain information about the working of the Red Cross Society and military nursing.

The Japanese government was highly gratified by this proof of the interest taken by the Queen and the English people and Miss McCaul was given every facility for making observations in connection with the military hospital service.

This, her book, is in diary form and is full of interesting data. She visited Russian prisoners, as well as the Russian wounded. As no woman has ever before been to the front with a Japanese army, she was naturally an object of unusual interest, and herself took an observant interest in everything about.

The volume contains 24 full page illustrations.

Poketown People. By Ella Middleton Tybout. 356 pages, 12 mo.

J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.50.

There are a great many hearty, wholesome laughs in this book, earnest in its delineations of the men and women of a Southern negro hamlet, people who, taking themselves very seriously, thereby open themselves to caricature and exaggeration.

It is probable, however, that the author intends truthful pictures only. In any case her fondness for her subjects is so evident, and her kindly

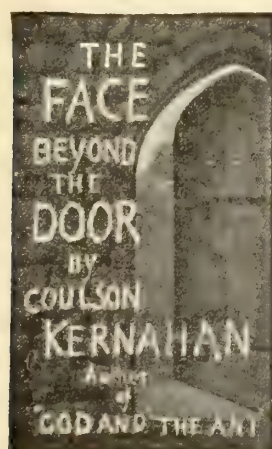
pen so indulgent, that it is a pleasure to read through page after page, unmarred by cynicism and yet redolent of humor and spontaneous wit.

"An Unwilling Delilah" and "The Offending Eye," the latter especially, are intensely funny, while "Ananias, of Poketown," equals anything of Mark Twain's.

The book is illustrated in color by Frank Verbeck and Beulah S. Moore.

The January number of the "Women's Home Companion" makes good its title of being a Women's magazine. Marion Harland writes on "My Twelve Favorite Recipes." Other articles of interest to the housewife are "How to Bring Up the Children," "Mrs. Sangster's Home Page," "A Calendar Party," "For the Girl Who Earns Her Own Living," "Mottoes for the New Year," "Underwear for the Little Folks," "Some Famous Old Virginia Dishes." The double page contains a number of photographs showing the charm of old age.

From the point of view of uniqueness the star article in "The Century" for January is Helen Keller's "Chat About the Hand," illustrated with numerous photographs of Miss Keller alone or in company with various friends—Mr. Jefferson, Dr. Hale, Prof. Bell and her devoted teacher, Miss Sullivan. Miss Keller's article is an anomaly in literature, being an account by one who is deaf, dumb and blind of the way in which she uses



the hand as a medium of communication. Her impressions of people, her literary skill, and her cheerful philosophy of life are alike amazing. Following it is a poem by Richard Watson Gilder, entitled "Two Optimists," being a letter to Joseph Jefferson acknowledging a copy of Helen Keller's essay on optimism.

An article by Mr. George Iles on "Electric Traction and its Rivalry with Steam," in the January "Outlook," will astonish those who do not know what rapid strides trolley and third rail companies have made and how near the use of electricity on large railroads is now thought to be. There are also illustrated articles on "A Parliament of Nations," by M. Hayne Davis; "Gibraltar," by Mr. C. W. Furlong, the artist; "The Man Beethoven," by Daniel Gregory Mason; "The Inner Life in German Sculpture,"

trated and describing in a popular way the dangers, the difficulties and the magnitude of that most recent marvel of engineering, the New York "Subway." "Skin Sculpture, the Modern Taxidermy," and "A Seventy-five-Thousand-Pound Meteorite" are articles that will please those of a scientific turn of mind.

The January number of "McClure's Magazine" contains articles timely and pleasing, two of which are unique and helpful contributions to two of



A CLAY CAMPAIGN BANNER OF 1844.

From "The True Henry Clay." J. B. Lippincott Co., Publishers.

ture," by Professor Francke of Harvard; and "The Burning of the Peggy Stewart" (a revolutionary incident), by Charles De Kay; together with portraits and sketches of men of the hour, editorials on current topics, the history of the week, reviews, and poems.

"Pearson's Magazine" for January presents a remarkable collection of interesting special articles and clever short stories, numbering in all eighteen. The leading article is a clear, concise narrative, handsomely illus-

the most vital problems that American citizens will have to face in 1905, "Lynching in the South," by Ray Standard Baker, will do more than many an act of Congress to break down the barrier of sectional misunderstanding on the negro problem. Although himself a Northerner, he finds that the South has no lessons to learn from the North concerning lynching. In "Tuberculosis, the Real Race Suicide," Samuel Hopkins Adams states, authoritatively, the horrors of "The Great White Plague." He shows that modern science could

alleviate and prevent the dread disease, were it not for the ignorance, prejudice and greed of many in our midst—including even a large class of the medical profession.

The tremendous interest attached to Mr. Lawson's extraordinary articles has brought to the attention of hundreds of thousands of new readers the many excellences of "Everybody's Magazine." The January number is a particularly good example of the virtues of this publication, for it is an exceedingly entertaining issue, containing not only some very readable short stories, but several articles which are of prime social importance.

The True Henry Clay. By Joseph M. Rogers. 388 pages, 8vo. Phil-

adelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$2.00.

possession of the family, who gave to him, as well, every assistance in the preparation of his work."

The volume contains 24 illustrations, mostly from photographs. There is an excellent index as well.

Her Fiance. By Josephin Daskam. 164 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Co. Price, \$1.00.

These stories of life at a girl's college are rich in local color and depict with charm and truthfulness the gay humor, readiness in conversational fence and repartee and the genuine womanliness of the college girl.

There are some excellent illustrations by Elizabeth Shippen Green, which add much to the volume's interest.



PLUGHING A RICE FIELD WITH A WATER BUFFALO.

From "A Yankee on the Yangtze." A. C. Armstrong & Son, Publishers.

Philadelphia. J. B. Lippincott Co. Price, \$2.00.

These "True" histories, which began, if memory serves correctly, with the "True George Washington," have been awaited with keen interest by thousands of readers. For their trend and purpose have been so unusual and unique and their manner of development so charming and enlightening that they stand prominently among all literary works of the decade. This statement is not lightly made, either, for it is based on a long interest in the series—an interest which is re-inspired by this story of "The True Henry Clay."

So great is the wealth of detail and anecdote and so intimate and frank a portrait is this of a man truly great in our history, that one feels there is no need of the publisher's statement that "Mr. Rogers had access to all the private Clay papers now in

A Yankee on the Yangtze. By William Edgar Geil. 312 pages, 12mo. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Price, \$1.50.

Mr. Geil is an American evangelist who has been making a missionary tour of the world. The volume here offered is a decidedly interesting narrative of his trip through the interior of China to Upper Burma and thence to Rangoon.

Equipped with a strong personality, original ideas and plenty of money, he met adventures and mishaps with smiling optimism. His comments on the methods and personality of the missionaries he met are keen, comprehensive and generous. He does not fail to criticize, yet his criticism is obviously well-weighed and honest. Indeed, that is the tone of his comments throughout the volume, which is unusually well illustrated and which is entertaining and instructive from start to finish.

In Merry Measure. By Tom Masson. 152 pages, 16mo. New York: Life Publishing Co. Price, 75 cents.

Surely this is a well-named little book, for while made up of fragmentary verse, jest and anecdote, it is all in a wholly optimistic vein and thoroughly cheerful and entertaining.

The illustrations, mostly reproductions from drawings, gained popularity upon their first appearance in "Life." They are dainty and chosen with excellent taste. They add much to a volume which is especially well suited as a gift book for Christmas and New Year's.

The Cathedrals of Southern France. By Francis Miltoun. 553 pages, 8vo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.60.

The author of "Cathedrals of Northern France" extends his work by this new volume and in doing so produces a complete record of permanent reference and historical value. No subject better deserves the great research and labor of compilation required and there are few subjects which include, in all that concerns them, so much of romance and of struggle and achievement.

The author shows a desirable appreciation of architectural technique and the drawings by Blanche Mc Manus ably supplement every purpose of the work.

There are numerous maps and diagrams and a well-edited index.

The Boy With the Hoe. By Anna J. Granniss. A brochure of 67 lines. Published by the author. Plainville, Conn. Price 50 cents.

The author found inspiration for this well written poem in reading Edwin Markham's "The Man With the Hoe." It is a thoughtful and earnest appeal for more interest and thought in the welfare of the Boy, whom the author pictures as "the smiling prophecy of a brighter epoch; the happy representative of the joy in Labor, and the nobility of Toil. . . . In him is the World's hope, 'And the government shall be upon his shoulder.'"

Baby Bible Stories. By Gertrude Smith. 171 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Co. Price, 50 cents.

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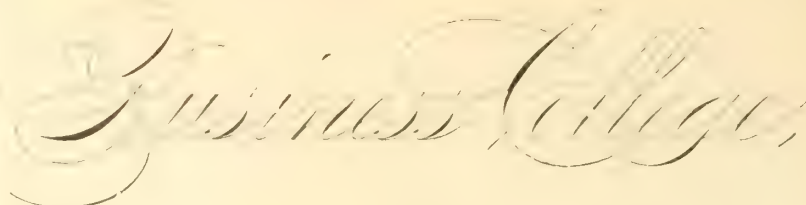
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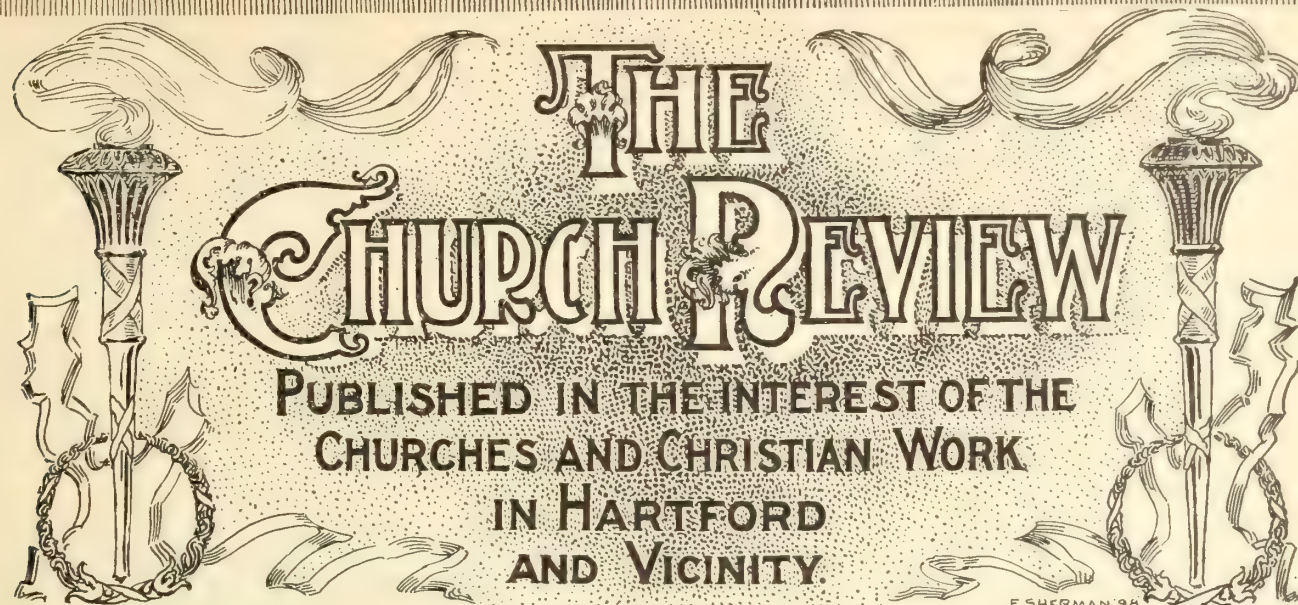
Assets, January 1, 1905,.....	\$ 73,696,178.81
Premium receipts in 1904,.....	12,868,922.77
Interest and other receipts in 1904,.....	3,062,633.99
Total Receipts in 1904,.....	15,931,556.76
Payments to Policy holders in 1904,.....	6,971,793.55
Legal Reserve on Policies, and all claims,.....	64,845,752.16
Special Reserve, in addition to Reserve above given,.....	2,294,786.00
Life Insurance issued, revived and paid for in 1904,.....	28,856,967.00
Life Insurance in force January 1, 1905,.....	237,304,739.00
Accident Insurance in force January 1, 1905,...	217,236,164.66
Guarantee Fund in Excess of Requirements by Company's Standard,.....	6,555,640.65
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Increase in Assets,	\$ 5,628,316.16
Increase in Guarantee Fund over Requirements, ..	883,884.10
Increase in Premium Income,	1,135,668.90
Increase in Total Income,.....	1,372,682.20
Increase in Life Insurance Issued and Paid for, ..	2,225,105.00
Increase in Life Insurance in Force,.....	14,001,862.00
Increase in Accident Insurance in Force,.....	8,618,926.66



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SLEEP AND LIFE.

Sleep on the mighty Mother's breast.
Sleep and no more be separate.
Then, one with Nature's ageless rest,
There shall be no more sin or hate.
—Richard Hovey.

If sleep were all, and hold unto the end.
We surely need not more in sorrow
weep;
We might make friends with this soft
soothing friend,
And be bewitched by quietness of
sleep.

We might declare 'tis folly so to toil,
And spend our strength in work that
will not pay.
We might escape so easy sin's assoil,
And have no more contentions of
our day.

But after every bathing bliss of night,
We must emerge and reach the old-
en shore,
And in the sharp activities of light,
Take hold of self and fight our foes
once more.

It is the beautiful necessity,
Compulsion sent us from the heaven
above,
Somehow that Virtue's soul our souls
may see,
And have the conquests of immortal
love.

There is no rest that ends in wished
for rest,
We waken from it to the air of strife
And only in strong mastery are blest,
Or have the sense of life that seems
like life.

So we must quit us well amid the fray,
With no false lures of soul deceiving
prayer;
There's nobleness in duty of the day,
And rapture in the war our com-
rades share.
—William Brunton.

CERTAINTY IN RELIGION.

By Rev. W. W. Breckenridge.

It is only commonplace to speak of
changes in religious thought as char-
acteristic of today. Unrest and shift-
ing beliefs are among the most prom-
inent features of the Christianity of
this present time.

Old foundations, upon which men
long have rested with perfect secur-
ity, are being broken up; and old
truths which have been held certainly
for ages are being questioned anew.

It is not strange that many minds
should be disturbed by these things or
that thousands of believers can see in
these changes nothing but loss. They
regard all our new innovations as
abandonment of precious truth. The
aged Christian, especially, sees all
this revolution, as he regards it, with
a sad heart. He looks back to the
days of his youth when the Bible was
an "Impregnable Rock" to every child
of God. It was every word God's
word, not one jot or tittle of which
could ever pass away. The creeds of
the church and its confessions were
yes and amen to all believers. Those
were times of certainty, of rest and
peace and security. The Christian
knew the truth. It was perfectly
plain; all he had to do was to pro-
claim it. No question was asked about

this passage of scripture or that dog-
ma of the church.

But this aged Christian has lived to
see a revolution almost as great as
that which Calvin or Knox or Luther
saw. His Bible, which he cherished
as the very holy of holies, has been
criticised and torn to pieces like any
profane book. And this not by its
enemies so much as by its professed
friends. What wonder that he is dis-
turbed!

I think perhaps it is impossible for
those of us who are younger to fully
appreciate this feeling, but this much
we can do: we can reverence it. And
we can be assured that the strong, un-
bending faith in the absolute literal
inspiration of the scriptures was a
very important truth, and very possi-
bly a working basis for the study of
the word and Christian service, better
than any confession we are likely to
make.

The history of Israel is in many
respects the history of the church in
smaller compass. As Moses and Sam-
uel and Joshua prepared the way for
David, and as David himself prepared
the way for the Christ, so has one
period of the church prepared the way
for those that followed it. None of
these struggles and sacrifices for truth
are lost, but all shall in some way add
to the glories of the final triumphant
church of God. There was a time
when change came upon the Israeli-
tish nation with overwhelming force.
Those who had stood for the law of
God could see no bright side, no hope,
no sign of promise. Jeremiah was
such a man, he felt that his was a day
of doom. Someone has compared his

situation to that of the ancient Titan, chained to a rock, the vultures tearing at his vitals, but unconquerable, and crying out:

"Woe, woe, today's woe and the mor-
row's
I suffer at once and all!
And where is found in me
A limit to these sorrows?
Under earth, under hades,
Where the home of the shade is,
All into the deep, deep Tartarus,
I would he had hurled me adown!

"I would he had plunged me fastened
thus
In the knotted chain and savage clang
All into the dark, where there should
be none.
Neither God nor another to laugh nor
to see!
But now the winds sing through and
shake
The hurtling chain wherein I hang
And I, in my naked sorrow, make
Much mirth for my enemies."

Some of the fathers of Israel today feel that their church is going into captivity. They think that the blocks which held the ship in place are being knocked away, and she is slipping away into a great unknown sea of doubt and despair.

Let us ask the question in all seriousness, then, "Is this an age of calamity or only one of change? Is every thing going to pieces or are we merely in a state of transition, passing on to a new and, let us hope, a better condition?" Surely the answer to this question is of importance.

Doubtless every age believes it is the most wonderful that ever has been but this time in which we live is remarkable in one way at least, that it has made great strides in the possible,—not in the real as yet,—but the possible material welfare of the race. Can we not see then, how this shifting of religious thought may be only a part of the great world-wide progress of man's thought? If we are to have electric cars and telephones and wireless telegraphs and trains run at high speed, and all the vast development of modern life, then we must take them with all their consequences, and one of the necessary consequences is that we cannot think of God who made them and us in just the same way as we did before; nor can we interpret his revelation with the same amount of light. We are seeing this more clearly all the time. What shall we do? Some would retain the old beliefs by shutting off the light, but this

must be always vain. Better to let the light shine.

Now in this turmoil of constantly changing beliefs, what is to become of certainty? Can a man say today as Paul said, with any sureness of conviction, "I know", or must he say "I guess", "I think so", "I cannot be sure", or "I withhold my opinion for the time until this endless strife of tongues is passed, if indeed it is not endless"? How many persons there are, honest enough in their way, who have arrived at the conclusion that the bravest thing they can do is to be content to remain ignorant. But this can never permanently satisfy a truly religious soul. I want to know, and to know without any possibility of a doubt. Guesswork may do in other things,—in the realm of science, or of machinery, but not in religion. Here nothing less than positive assurance will do.

Looking at the history of the church we find that for a thousand years men found this surety in the church. From her went forth the divine oracle. Men stood and heard and believed, and went forth untroubled.

Then came the great revolution known as the Reformation. Luther found what was back of bishop and pope and church. It was the Bible. One heroic soul, after the severest struggle, found rest in the pure revealed word of God. Henceforth all men might find a surer ground for their faith. And so, for some centuries, the Bible takes the place of the church, and becomes absolute and infallible. Here then we are to find our final certainty. For a time it seemed so. But now comes Biblical criticism, and theories of evolution and natural science and, for many at least, they have destroyed even this anchorage. If the Reformation destroyed men's faith in the church as the sure and infallible guide, and the present movements are destroying our faith in the Bible, where are we next to go? Dare we again anchor our faith? We must do so. Here is the answer: We are driven back to Christ himself and in Him may we find a surer stronghold. Let all else go if you will and hold to Him. Loyalty to a person and that person Jesus Christ. Trusting in what he has done for us, and in His guidance and care for our lives; may we not find in this communion of spirit and fellowship with our Lord, a certainty of religion which is sure and final?

It is just as easy to form a good habit as it is a bad one. And it is just as hard to break a good habit as a bad one. So get the good ones and keep them.—Pres. McKinley.

THE GREAT WELSH REVIVAL.

Observations of G. Campbell Morgan.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, now of London, visited Wales and was caught up in the spirit of the great revival there. The Congregationalist reports his story from a sermon preached to his people after the visit, and we give a few glimpses from it with the prayer that our young people may be touched with the same spirit. There are numerous instances of persons being converted through reading reports of the revival in the daily press, and perhaps some influence from the revival will be still further extended by reporting it.

The Methods.

"Oh, these chapels through Wales! Thank God for them!" exclaims Dr. Morgan. So quiet and orderly was everything that he had to inquire where the meeting was, and when he entered the door he could but just get inside, so closely were the people packed within the building. What he saw he thus describes:

"It was a meeting characterized by a series of perpetual interruptions and disorderliness. It was a meeting characterized by a great continuity and an absolute order. You say, 'How do you reconcile these two things?' I do not reconcile them. They are both there. If you put a man into the midst of one of these meetings who knows nothing of the language of the Spirit, and nothing of the life of the Spirit, one of two things will happen to him. He will either pass out saying, 'These men are drunk' or he himself will be swept up by the fire into the kingdom of God. If you put a man down who knows the language of the Spirit, he will be struck by this most peculiar thing. I have never seen anything like it in my life; while a man praying is disturbed by the breaking out of song, there is no sense of disorder, and the praying merges into song, and back into testimony, and back again into song for hour after hour without guidance. These are the three occupations—singing, praying, testimony."

The Meetings.

At another meeting Evan Roberts, who is the most prominent human figure in the movement, was present. His address was interrupted repeatedly by songs and prayers. As he would speak some one would arise and say, "So and so," naming the person, "has decided for Christ." Then a song of praise breaks forth. There is no inquiry room or penitent form, but anywhere in the audience workers speak to the unsaved and announce their decision for Christ.

The meetings continue hour after hour, even until after midnight. On Sunday the meetings continue through the day, with an intermission just long enough for simple refreshment. Prayer meetings are held in the homes, stations, coal-pits, and on the street corners.

There are no organizations, no committees, no choirs, no collections, and no advertising. "I am not saying that those things are wrong," says Dr. Morgan, "I simply want you to see what God is doing." It is an influence that manifests itself here and there and yonder simultaneously. It moves from day to day, from week to week,

"My own friend, with whom I stayed, who has always been reticent of speaking to men, told me how, sitting in his office, there surged upon him the great conviction that he ought to go and speak to another man, with whom he had done business for long years. My friend suddenly put down his pen and left his office and went on 'change, and there he saw the very man; and going up to him, the man said to him, 'What do you think of this revival?' And my friend looked him squarely in the eye and said, 'How is it with your own soul?' The man looked back at him and said, 'Last night at twelve, from some unknown

over Wales—I am giving you roughly the result of the questioning of fifty or more persons at random in the week—a praying remnant have been agonizing before God about the state of the beloved land, and it is through that the answer of fire has come. You tell me that the revival originates with Roberts. I tell you that Roberts is a product of the revival. You tell me that it began in an Endeavor meeting where a dear girl bore testimony. I tell you that was a part of the result of a revival breaking out everywhere. If you and I could stand above Wales, looking at it, you would see fire breaking out here, and there, and yonder, and somewhere else, without any collusion or prearrangement. It is a divine visitation in which God—let me say this reverently—in which God is saying to us: See what I can do without the things you are depending on; see what I can do in answer to a praying people; see what I can do through the simplest who are ready to fall in line and depend wholly and absolutely upon me."

Evan Roberts.

Evan Roberts is the name most prominently connected with the revival. Who is he? A young miner, who had left the mine and entered school to prepare for the ministry. There came to him what he believed to be a call to begin evangelistic work, and God blessed his ministry. He is thus described in the *British Weekly*: "He is a young man of about twenty-six, clean shaven, and quite youthful looking. He has a most attractive personality, and you realize at once that he is really and intensely in earnest. His work is far from being a mere performance. He is magnetic to a degree and his wonderful appeals, given when his face is lighted up with an indescribable radiance, seem irresistible. His addresses are short and broken."



CHRIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

and from county to county. The daily papers are giving columns of space to it, and those who read are impressed, but it moves and takes hold without respect to this publicity.

Its effects upon individuals and society are such as we would expect in a God-sent revival. The faces into which Dr. Morgan looked, the faces of colliers and others, were beautiful with a light and glory that was not of earth. There is that constant confession of sin. Theaters have been deserted, drinking clubs broken up, atheistical books burned, and low music destroyed.

Personal Evangelism.

It has turned Christians into evangelists. All are becoming definite personal workers.

reason I had to get out of bed and give myself to Jesus Christ, and I was hungering for some one to come and talk to me.' Here is a man turned into an evangelist by supernatural means. If this is emotional, then God send us more of it! Here is a cool, calculating business ship-owner, that I have known all my life, leaving his office to go on 'change and ask a man about his soul."

Origin of the Revival.

How has it come about? That is the question on the lips of many.

"In the name of God let us cease trying to find out," says Dr. Morgan. "At least let us cease trying to trace it to any one man or convention. You cannot trace it, and yet I will trace it tonight. Whence has it come? All

CHRIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

By G. B. Smith.

Next to Mt. Vernon mansion itself, there is no building standing more closely associated with the name of George Washington than old Christ Church, which still draws the eager pilgrim to the corner of Washington, Cameron and Columbus streets, Alexandria. Its bulky tower catches the eye long before the rattling electric car reaches the spot.

The front door is open to all, and the sacred enclosure is sure to awe the appreciative visitor, who is permitted to glance back one hundred and twen-

ty-eight years, through all of which time this old temple has stood a guardian of the faith, a memento of the faithful.

Our curious eyes find in the vestry-book a record dated August 26, 1765, but other records tell us that "Feb. 1, 1765, by virtue of an act passed the previous year (being the fourth of George III.), the parish of Fairfax was created out of a portion of the parish of Truro." On the 12th of March following a vestry was chosen, consisting of twelve gentlemen, the name of Colonel George Washington appearing fifth in the list, he being then thirty-three years of age. A chapel was erected and another at The Falls, known as "The Falls Church," Alexandria church bearing the dual title of "The Lower Church," and "The Chapel of Ease." The respective dignity of the twain may be estimated by comparing the emoluments of Gerard Tramil, sexton of Falls church, who received for his services in 1766, five hundred and sixty pounds of tobacco, while John Rhodes, sexton at Alexandria, had to get along on but five hundred pounds of the same commodity.

In 1766, the need of a new church was so apparent that the vestry ordered a levy to be made upon the inhabitants of the parish of thirty-one thousand, one hundred and eighty-five pounds of tobacco for the purpose of building a new church at either place. In January, 1767, James Parsons contracted to build the one at Alexandria for six hundred pounds sterling, "fifty by sixty feet, the shingles to be of the best juniper, three-fourths of an inch thick, eighteen inches long, and to show six inches; the mortar of the outside wall to be two-thirds lime and one-third sand; for the inside, one-half lime and one-half sand. The arches and pediments to be in the Tuscan order; the altar-piece, pulpit and canopy



JEFFERSON DAVIS MANSION, RICHMOND, VA.,
Now a Confederate Museum.

in the Ionic order," as the minute specifications set forth.

Parsons dragged the work along until in 1772, when he forfeited his contract, and John Carlisle was engaged to complete it for two hundred and twenty pounds sterling. On February 27, 1773, the building was formally turned over to the vestry, and on the same day ten pews were offered for sale, Colonel Washington buying number 5 for the sum of £36-10s., the highest price paid. Another source of revenue is indicated by the entry in 1775, "By cash received of William Adams, for several fines for deer killing out of season, £2-10s."

The first minister was Rev. Townsend Dade, who was ordained by the Bishop of London, December 30, 1765. His salary was seventeen thousand, two hundred and eighty pounds of tobacco, to which was added two thousand, five hundred pounds for the deficiency of a glebe. In 1770 a tract of about five hundred acres was purchased at fifteen shillings per acre, and

in 1773 a parsonage was built, with dairy, meat-house, barn, stable, and corn-house, for the sum of £653.

The church at first had no steeple, no bell, and no gallery. All of these were added later. The pews were stiff, square, and high, so high that the occupants were effectually prevented from unprofitably gazing at each other during service, and the nods of the drowsy ones might easily go unnoticed save by the watchful eye of the minister, perched up in his lofty station beneath the sounding-board in the high old pulpit.

In 1804, George Washington Parke Custis, Esq., presented a Bible to the parish. In 1808, the church-yard was abandoned as a burial ground, and a new one was opened. The roof was replaced in 1809 and 1845, the present one of slate following many years later. The organ was introduced in 1810, and in the same year began the term of eleven years as sexton of Mrs. Cook, who was noted for her peculiar dress and physiognomy, and for her stately manner of ushering persons into their pews and locking the doors upon them, then patrolling the aisles alert to detect and prompt to suppress any violation of order. The bell was purchased in 1816, and the steeple erected in 1818. In 1840, a new organ supplanted the first one, and forty years later, a third one took its place. In 1853 the church was lighted with gas, the floor was raised six inches, and the porch at the southwest entrance was constructed, the new lecture-room following a year later.

During the two great conflicts with England the old church was never desecrated, or even disturbed, but the



THE CAPITOL OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.

Civil war dealt more unkindly with it, for it was first borrowed by the military authorities and afterwards forcibly held, and it was not restored to the lawful vestry until in June, 1867.

To the north of the chancel is a memorial tablet to Washington, and on the south is one to General Robert E. Lee, who was confirmed here in 1853.

Not an architectural triumph, it attracts by its simplicity, by its association with times and people so much admired by students of history, and by the story of its long career as a thriving church with a duty well performed.



WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. Kratzer, our high school principal, has been installed superintendent of the Sunday school in the place of Mr. F. N. Taylor, who has recently resigned.

Mr. George Bedortha has taken the superintendency of the primary department, taking the place of Mr. Wilfred Allen, who has also resigned.

A pleasant social evening was enjoyed by the officers and teachers of the school at the home of Mr. Taylor.

Miss May H. Barber has been on the sick list lately.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our number has been lessened by the removal from the place of one or two families. They are greatly missed.

Our services have been kept up regularly. The bad roads have detained many of the elderly ones.

Pastor Connell preaches the word faithfully.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The funeral of Mrs. Kitchen was held from her late residence on Monday afternoon, Feb. 6, Rev. D. W. Howell officiating.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 10, the Woman's Foreign Missionary meeting met at the parsonage. Several very interesting papers were read on Japan.

The final meeting for "men only," was held in Odd Fellows' hall Sunday evening, Feb. 12. The following subjects were presented by Messrs. Ros-

coe Wilson, F. W. Harriman and F. W. Sheldon: "An Old Challenge Renewed," "The Church and the Lodge," "The Present Question."

A Valentine social was held at the home of Mrs. Bevan on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at 8 p. m.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

On Jan. 28, our Evangeline Circle gave a "Food Sale," from which a neat little sum was realized.

The attendance at the Sabbath school has been very good, considering the extremely cold and inclement weather.

At the missionary meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, held on the last Sunday in January, Miss Nellie M. Barrows gave us a very interesting talk.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Sabbath school collection for the Alaskan Orphanage was \$7.72.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The new furnace has arrived and services were resumed in the church Feb. 5.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give an entertainment in the chapel on the evening of Washington's Birthday. Novel invitations have been sent out with a little bag, in which to deposit as many pennies as there are letters in one's name. The proceeds are to go towards paying for the new furnace.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society will give an entertainment Feb. 27.

At the Epworth League meeting, Jan. 29, very interesting addresses were given by Miss Halsted, concerning the Shelter for Women, and Mr. Daly, concerning the men's meetings at the First Baptist church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The pastor, Rev. W. W. Breckenridge, is now giving a series of sermons in the chapel on Sunday evenings on "The Great Hereafter," ending with March 5: Another series will then be given on the "Life of Christ," illustrated by stereopticon views.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Society will be held in the chapel Tuesday evening, March 14. The morning service on Sunday, Feb. 25, will take the form of a patriotic service in celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The Young People's Association gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at the Old People's

Home, a repetition of one given previously at the church.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Mr. Peabody, has arranged a special program for the vesper services under the title of "The Old Gospel Through New Voices."

Sunday, Feb. 12, Rev. Philip C. Walcott of the Asylum Hill church, preached on "The Need of the Gospel." This sermon was very interesting and the need of the gospel was clearly presented.

There are to be three more sermons in this series: "The Secret of Its Power," by Rev. P. H. Knollin, of Blue Hills chapel; "Its Effect in a Life," by Rev. Edward O. Grisbrook, of Poquonock; "Signs of Its Coming Supremacy," by Rev. William B. Tut-hill, of East Hartford.

The State Sunday School Conference met in Hillyer hall, Friday evening, Feb. 10. Dr. Schauffler gave a fine address on "Magnifying the Superintendent's Office."

The church social for February is in charge of the C. E. The society has arranged a fine musical and literary entertainment for the evening.

The Mission Study class has completed a course on Uganda, Africa. Mr. Trowbridge and Mr. Goodsell from the seminary have been in charge of this course. The class has had good attendance and a great deal of individual work has been done, which has been a great benefit to the class. The class is now taking up a course on "Heroes of the Cross in America," under the leadership of Mr. Truman Spencer.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor delivered a very interesting address on "What We Shall Be." The selection, "Lead, Kindly Light," by the choir, was unusually effective.

The Chinese Sunday school held its New Year entertainment and supper in the parlors Monday evening, Feb. 6. Music by Chinese scholars on the peculiar Chinese instruments was greatly enjoyed. Piano selections by Mrs. William P. Robertson, Miss Editha Jacobs and vocal selections by Miss Rizzy completed a very interesting program, after which supper was served.

The Junior League met at Mrs. Miles B. Preston's, 214 Collins street, for a social time, Friday evening, Feb. 17.

Mr. H. W. Alden led the meeting

of the Y. P. S. C. E. Feb. 12, Mr. Love conducting a question box.

Mrs. Eunice M. Lincoln and Mr. James Nichols, two of our most beloved members, have passed to their reward. Our sympathy is extended those who feel their loss most keenly.

A very interesting letter has been received from Rev. Carl and Mrs. Stackman of South Africa, by Miss Grace D. Thayer. They report enjoying their new work to the utmost and find the people are willing and anxious to hear the Gospel. The letter was written in January with the heat as intense as July in this climate. They wish to be remembered to Connecticut Endeavorers and friends.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, has been confined to his home for a time by illness.

Feb. 5, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. L. S. Johnson, of New Britain.

Our pastor spoke at the morning service Feb. 12, and Rev. Harold Pattison spoke in the evening.

Mr. W. A. Hurd passed away on Feb. 10. Mr. Hurd, through all the years of his membership in the church, had taken an active part in its work. During the past year he was chairman of the board of trustees. Mrs. Hurd has the sincere sympathy of all the members of the church, who also feel the loss with her.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The recent death of Mr. James H. Rogers takes from us a devoted worker and faithful official of our church.

Presiding Elder W. A. Richard conducted the Fourth Quarterly Conference on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26.

Mite jars have been distributed among members of the congregation for receiving their contributions toward balancing accounts at the close of the year. The jars will be broken and the contents counted in March.

The bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Society netted \$125.

A Lincoln's Birthday service was held on the evening of Feb. 12. The church was tastefully decorated and the pastor made an address upon "John Brown, a Champion of Justice."

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

A fine lecture course has been provided, the proceeds, if any, to go towards lighting the church with electricity. The first lecture was Dr. Willard Scott's famous "Little White Church at the Cross Roads," a very

charming lecture. The second in the course will be Feb. 24, the Trinity Musical Clubs, and the third, March 10, Rev. John Calvin Goddard, "The Poetry of Everyday Life."

The Sunday evening address by laymen, on ethical subjects, has been satisfactory. The speakers thus far have been Judge Peck of Bristol, Secretary Jacks of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. E. M. Roszelle and Principal J. R. Tucker. Mr. H. M. Gerry of the Y. M. C. A. will make the concluding address.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

A large class of candidates was confirmed by Bishop Brewster at the church on Sunday morning, Feb. 12. The rector assisted in conducting the service. The bishop preached the sermon and addressed the class after their confirmation. There was a large attendance.

The young people of the church are to give a comedy under the auspices of the Men's League on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Colt Memorial Hall. The Girls' Mandolin Club of the High school will render selections during the evening. The proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of the league.

The organ fund is growing slowly. A collection was taken on Sunday morning, Feb. 12, for that purpose.

The Men's League has a match game of bowling with the Y. M. C. A. team on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at the alleys of the Colt Memorial House. The alleys have been repaired lately and are in good condition for bowling.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Jan. 6, in our vestry, the proceedings being of great interest and a large number attending.

Mr. T. H. Day of our church was recently appointed chaplain at the jail.

The men's meetings are being largely attended and great interest is evidenced in this work by all the men.

The regular teachers' meeting was held on Feb. 17, a good number being present.

The present enrollment of our Sunday school is 474.

The ladies of the church are arranging for a turkey supper to be given on Friday, Feb. 24. The tickets are to be sold for 35 cents. A feature of the supper will be an opportunity to purchase tea, served in a dainty china cup and saucer which is to be retained by the user as a souvenir of the occasion.

PARK CHURCH.

The people of Park church have pledged nearly \$600, so we will support Dr. Fuller of Aintab, Turkey, as our foreign missionary for the year 1905.

Jan. 29, Dr. Mackenzie preached in our church most acceptably. It was a great privilege to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranney spent a week in Virginia. On Thursday evening, Feb. 16, Mr. Ranney told his impressions of Hampton Institute.

Feb. 12, Mr. Olcott B. Colton addressed the Park Church Club on "Labor Problems," with especial regard to the Labor Unions.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

A pleasing musicale and social was given in the parish hall Feb. 7 under the auspices of the Young Peoples' club.

Bishop Brewster visited St. Thomas' church Sunday evening, Feb. 12, and confirmed a class of sixteen. There was a large congregation present.

A free organ recital was given in the church Monday evening, Feb. 13, by our organist, Mr. Howard E. Brewer, assisted by Miss Edna Cummings, soprano.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

The week of prayer was observed by a series of five meetings, all of which were of an interesting character, the first being held on Sunday evening, January 1.

On Sunday evening, January 29, a Union Gospel Temperance meeting was conducted by Mr. Arba Lankton of Hartford, who gave an interesting address.

The foreign missionary department held a meeting in the chapel on Tuesday, Jan. 17, in charge of Mrs. J. H. Peck. An interesting letter from Miss Trowbridge, who is a worker with Dr. Hamilton in Aintab, Turkey, was read and reports of interest from various fields were also given.

The ladies of the home missionary department are preparing a barrel for the Rev. J. M. Babcock and wife, of Guernsey, Wyoming. If there are any who would like to contribute toward the barrel, the ladies would suggest that bedding, table linen and towels would be very acceptable. Contributions may be left with Mrs. S. P. Griswold.

At the Sunday morning service, Feb. 5, our pastor preached a most interesting sermon on "David Brain-

erd," the first of a series on "Heroes of the Cross in America."

A volunteer chorus, under the leadership of Prof. L. W. Harvey is rehearsing Gaul's "Holy City."

On Friday evening, Feb. 10, the Men's Union held a Congressional session at the chapel, many bills of interest being discussed.

At the first meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the New Year, the president gave as a key to the year's work, the word "Willing," to open the door of success. This year the Christian Endeavor Society will not have a pledge system of its own, but its members will give through the church benevolence system.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 5, ten new members were voted into the society.

Christian Endeavor Day was observed Sunday evening, Feb. 5, the program published by the United Society, entitled "What I Owe to Christian Endeavor," being used. Ten members of the society told what the church owes to Christian Endeavor, while others told what Christian Endeavor had been to their lives.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Owing to the severe weather conditions and the continued ill-health of a number of our members, the attendance at our services has been so affected that it is almost depressing. We hope for brighter days with the spring season.

Mr. L. F. Colton, on account of business conditions, has been able to attend services very seldom for the past two years. A change of occupation has now restored him his church privileges somewhat, which is very gratifying to all.

The annual meeting of the church was held Friday evening, Feb. 3. The regular routine of business was about all there was to consider and no changes were made, with the exception of adding two or three ushers and collectors.

NORTH METHODIST.

Sunday, Feb. 5, was Communion Sunday, and a large number united with the church at that time. There were ten by letter from other churches, two from probation into full membership and 26 on probation. There were also several baptized.

On Feb. 12, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. D. N. Griffin, a former pastor of the church. Both sermons were in the cause of temperance, and in the evening the subject was, "Miss Willard, the Queen of the World's Womanhood."

The Christian Endeavor prayer meeting was led on Feb. 12 by Mr. H. D. Olmsted, chairman of the Look-out committee of the Hartford C. E. Union.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Monday, Jan. 16, the annual meeting of the South Baptist Society was held. The following were elected as the society's committee for the ensuing year: H. B. Austin, chairman; W. L. Maynard, Mr. F. N. Tucker.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, a social was given under the direction of the Advisory Committee. A large number of our people spent a pleasant evening together. Quite a number of persons who have recently come among us were thus brought into closer touch with the church.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, at a meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, Miss Bartlett of the City Mission spoke of her work there. At the close of the meeting the ladies enjoyed an oyster supper.

Sunday, Feb. 5, a meeting in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. was held. Rev. Cortland Myers, D. D., of Brooklyn, preached a powerful sermon on the question "What Must I Do to be Saved?" A large number of cards, requesting prayers, were signed.

Sunday, Feb. 5, seven members were received into the church by baptism.

After-meetings are held at the close of each Sunday evening service. They are well attended and we believe they cannot fail to do good, both by deepening the spiritual life of our members and in the salvation of souls.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The number of applicants for lodging at the Open Hearth has been very large during the past month and seems to be still increasing. These men are not all those who have been used to such a life and among them are many who would be willing to work and are really seeking employment. These men, together with those who earn their way by jobs of work outside and pay each evening fill both the house and annex nearly every night.

Evening meetings are held each evening at 7:45, and are very fully attended. Superintendent Jackson gives an address and makes earnest appeals to his audience to abandon their evil ways and seek for a brighter and better life. He is listened to with deep interest by the men who attend.

Each morning meetings are held at 9:45 o'clock.

The children's meeting on Friday evenings are crowded and the pictures shown by the magic lantern and the story of the scenes shown by Superintendent Jackson interest the children greatly, as is shown by the attendance—larger than ever before.

The wood yard is in successful operation and our citizens should not forget to order from the Open Hearth and thus help in the care of the homeless men who come to us.

Every department is in full operation and many a homeless wanderer, with no place of shelter and no work, will long remember the Open Hearth, where he found shelter and a helping hand.

NOT TO BE WORRIED.

Mrs. C. one morning last week, says the Birmingham Post, thought she smelled gas. Bravery came to her mysteriously, and she crept downstairs to investigate. After smelling about for some minutes, she rushed upstairs, called Mr. C., then shook him, and at last aroused him. Then this was heard:

"John, there's a leak in the gas-pipe in the kitchen. We'll all die if it is not fixed."

Leaks had been heard of before, and Mr. C. sleepily asked,

"Is it a-leaking much now?"

"Not much!" screamed his wife, and then, as Mr. C. turned over, this soothing advice was given:

"Put a bucket under it and come to bed."

KETTLE AND POT.

Lord Odo Russell, for years the British ambassador at Berlin, used to tell the following story:

One day he had an appointment with Bismarck. On arrival at the chancellor's he met Count Arnim coming from the room.

"I cannot imagine," said the count, "how Bismarck can exist in such an atmosphere. He smokes unceasingly, and always the most frightfully strong cigars. I had to ask him to open the window, as I could not stand it any longer."

When Lord Odo went into the room, the first words Bismarck said to him were: "Some people have the most extraordinary foibles. Arnim was here a few minutes back; he so covers himself with scent that he really is quite unbearable. To-day he was so perfumed that I was obliged to open the window, as I could not stand it any longer."

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ON JOINING THE VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

It is strange that there should be such a division of opinion and sympathy, even among active Christian people as that which shows itself with relation to some matters which in former days seem to have been taken for granted as possessing a rightful place in Christian work. For example, it is not an uncommon thing now-a-days to hear people declaim against the principle of making pledges as an unwise if not absolutely immoral practice. One can see the ground for such feeling where the matter has been carried to extremes, and little children, scarcely old enough to know that they had wills of their own, have been led to make pledges for a life-time, the breaking of which became a frequent occurrence, and the almost inevitable result of the ultimate collapse was not merely a weakening of the will, but the degradation in the valuation of keeping one's own word. If any one

looks back upon an experience of that sort in his own life, or if he has observed it and has watched the weakening process in others it is not to be wondered at that prejudice against pledge-making has been one of the results. But one can understand a great many things which he cannot sympathize with, and while we can readily see how prejudices have arisen even in many Christian people against the idea of a definiteness of statement, as well as of feeling, and we can appreciate the process by which such prejudices have come to hold sway, yet we cannot justify the feelings themselves.

There are vast multitudes of people throughout the length and breadth of our own Christian country who are as sympathetic with the realities of Christian belief as any one, but who have never taken the definite step of joining a Christian church. Sometimes it is because no one chanced to bring a reasonable pressure to bear upon them at a time when it would have had a most probable effect, and as years passed by the step became harder and harder to contemplate. Sometimes it was the result of a complication of influences which are peculiar to individuals. But there is one reason for this phenomenon in present day religious conditions, which almost certainly have played some part in the matter. That is a confusion between different kinds of essentials. There was a time when it was regarded, even by those relatively the most enlightened, as a necessity for salvation, that one should submit to certain ceremonial customs. In our own day of the love of freedom and the hatred of bondage, that point of view has largely passed away, at least among Protestant Christians. No one feels today that the man who honestly believes in the message of Jesus Christ to mankind, and who puts that message to the test in his own daily conduct and in his attitude toward his fellow men, is very far from the kingdom of Heaven—nor is our consciousness of security with reference to that man at all modified by the fact that he has not been through certain ceremonies. He has the sympathy of hosts of Christians, who themselves may have or may not have become members of the visible church, in the feeling that that step is not essential to his own salvation.

But in the sense of his own security is there not one essential which he has overlooked—that is, that which is essential to the life of the church—the visible church. Did not Jesus desire that there should be a visible church?

It may be quite true that he did not contemplate in every detail that which was in time the actual historic development of the church. But he chose twelve disciples, and he gave a degree of attention to their spiritual training which we do not find in his treatment of others. And he celebrated at least one institution with them, which it scarcely seems could have the life and meaning that it has today if it had not had as much in his own day—for the general tendency is for the vitality of institutions to evaporate rather than to grow, except as they were founded in that spirit which sees and acts upon eternal principles. And he gave the sanction to the symbolization of the unseen by the seen, when he desired to receive baptism at the hand of John the Baptist. And then, more than all, the historic church has received his blessing in a marvelous degree. And we love to believe that many a time when, according to every human probability, the church would have been wrecked upon the rocks, the guiding hand was furnished by the spirit of Christ himself, and a body, which it was his will should live and grow, was spared for greater work in the future.

And now when the air is filled with expectancy and there is much that is said and more that is thought and hoped for concerning a great awakening, if we take the time and trouble to stop once and again and reflect upon the possible manifestation of that movement of God upon the hearts of men, we are bound to feel that it is to take definite shape in not only causing many who have hitherto been unsympathetic with all things spiritual, to ally themselves, but it will impel many whose sympathy could never have been questioned to take hold and make the visible church more and more the counterpart of the invisible church, just as every man who longs to grow in the knowledge of God seeks to give that knowledge expression in outward ways for the benefit of his fellow wayfarers. And surely, one definite way whereby the likeness between the seen and the unseen may be greater is that every one who desires that his name should be among the names of the saints should desire likewise that it should be known and read among those of his fellow-Christians on earth.

Kansas City, Mo., is to have a great evangelistic campaign similar to those conducted in Chicago and Pittsburg. Ten thousand dollars has been raised for expenses. Seventeen denominations and 175 churches will be represented, and twenty evangelists will conduct the work.

AN EPOCH.

If the proposed government regulation of railway rates becomes an accomplished fact, it means that a long step has been taken in the direction of socialism.

However, the word "socialism," properly understood, need not prove a source of alarm. We have a little of it now,—the post office, for instance. In Hartford, the water works are on a socialistic basis. In some other cities, the gas works, or electric lighting. New York city is now contemplating a step into municipal Socialism by advertising for bids for a city lighting plant.

But these are of minor importance in contrast with the remarkable step taken by President Roosevelt in undertaking to establish by legislation, a body which shall be empowered to fix railroad rates throughout the United States.

In recent political campaigns much has been heard of government ownership of railroads, and a great many people have set down the advocates of this idea as demagogues, pure and simple. But government supervision and rate regulation, and government ownership, may not be far apart, as events may prove in the next few decades.

But can President Roosevelt carry out his idea? If so, he is a giant, indeed. For arrayed against him will be practically every railroad management in the country and a senate where self-interest, rather than the interest of the people, seems to prompt all legislation.

If money can defeat this project, an abundance of it will be forthcoming, for—certainly the millions of watered stock in the market would pay a very small per cent. if the railroad rates were so regulated by the government that a fairly liberal per cent. were paid on the actual capital invested, or represented, alone.

Possibly the President will win on this fight. He seems to be a born winner. If he does succeed, it will give him marked pre-eminence over most of his predecessors, for few of them have voluntarily assumed such a gigantic task, and one with such far-reaching possibilities.

A good sign of the times is indicated by the coming Baptist convention in St. Louis. Not since the war has there been a general convention of this kind. Baptists of the North and South, of Canada and Mexico will come together and a rousing meeting is looked for, as the representatives of

about five million Baptists will be on hand.

The public whipping post may have a place in Washington for wife-beaters. To the argument that this is degrading in its brutality, a correspondent suggests that a brute might feel insulted in being classed with wife beaters.

The total issues of the American Bible Society during last year amounted to 1,770,891. Of these, 929,823 were issued from the Bible House in New York, and 841,068 from the society's agencies abroad, being printed on mission presses in China, Japan, Siam, Syria and Turkey. These figures show a decrease from last year aggregating 222,667 volumes, 159,036 of which is on the foreign field. The total issues of the society in 88 years amount to 74,441,674 copies.

During the last few years, the Student Volunteer Movement has issued twenty-two text books, covering the whole range of missionary work in various ways. Its educational secretary, from his office in New York, is directing this year the work of about 900 classes, with an enrollment of nearly 15,000 young men and women.

Don't let the moths finish up the old clothes. There are plenty of people in Hartford who need them, and there are some excellent institutions which can distribute them judiciously.

Keep a kindly eye out for unblanketed horses this frigid weather. These good and dumb friends of ours can suffer keenly from the cold.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The union held its regular meeting on Jan. 24. The devotional service was led by Miss Bartlett of the City Mission. The scripture reading was chosen as being appropriate for the subject of the address, viz.: "Neglect of Children and Its Evils," which was given by Rev. Wm. DeLoss Love, pastor of the Farmington Ave. Congregational church. This paper was intensely interesting, showing the deep

thought which Mr. Love has given to this rather intricate subject. The wish was expressed that it might have a wide circulation among the parents of the city. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Love by the members.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The Shelter is doing its work quietly, but not without evidences of real helpfulness.

A large number of women have come into the home and a number of needy cases have been relieved.

The jail, the police station and the hospital are visited and often some unfortunate or sick woman is aided who does not come into the home.

The religious services held Sunday afternoon and Friday morning of each week have proved very helpful and an earnest and devout spirit is manifested. Last Sunday, the meeting was led by Miss Lamb, a former evangelist, and now a captain in the Salvation Army. About 30 were present. We are always glad to welcome any who may desire to be present at this service.

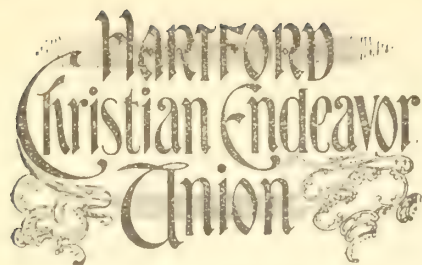
A social evening was most pleasantly spent recently. A number of friends provided music and recitations, games were played and a good time enjoyed.

The Sunshine Society is to hold a social and reception on the afternoon of Washington's Birthday in Grand Army hall, Cheney building. A feature of the occasion will be the method of admission. A toll gate will be used, the toll rate being from one cent, to as large an amount as a person desires to give.

The Good Samaritan Order of King's Daughters and Sons will hold its regular meeting in the banquet hall of the Y. M. C. A. building on February 25.

The Children's Aid Society held a Valentine reception on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 14, at the society's rooms in the Cheney building. Five hundred invitations had been sent out, each accompanied by a small bag in which the recipient was invited to place a number of pennies to correspond with his or her age. As a majority of the bags were returned, a good amount was realized, which will be used in defraying hospital expenses for the deserving children of the state.

The rooms were tastefully decorated and an enjoyable afternoon was passed by a large number.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

I wish that I could visit each society in our Union during the next six weeks and urge active work along the "increase" line.

Just the little that I have been able to get about has convinced me that the field is large.

I believe that many of you are doing good work, but is it not possible for most of us to give a little more time and effort along that line?

I have written you once before about securing for members those young people that do not attach themselves very strongly to any church. They go to church once in a while, but visit around. They never can concentrate their efforts for church work by doing so. You will find many right in your church neighborhood who are unsettled.

Give them personal invitations to attend your regular weekly meetings. See that you have good, lively social meetings to which they are made welcome. It does not take long for them to learn where they may have a pleasant time, with profit to themselves.

Some of our societies are working along this line with gratifying results. Let every society in the Hartford Union try it for awhile. Wishing that you may prove that work wins, I am

Yours in C. E.,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

The report of General Secretary Vogt, at a recent meeting of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, showed that 565 societies had been added since September, 1904, and four additional states, Florida, Idaho, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, had made a ten-per-cent increase in new societies, making in all thirty-seven states or provincial unions that have achieved this result in two years. Quite a number of them have gained twenty, and some even forty and a hundred, per cent.

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

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5. What I owe to Christian Endeavor. Ezek. 47:1-2; Ps. 36; 8.

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Christian Endeavor Day.

12. Christ a Servant—and we are servants. Phil. 2:3-11.
19. Glorifying God in our home. Eph. 6:1-9.
26. Heroes of home missions; what they teach us. Jer. 1:7-19.

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5. The making of a Christian: his speech. Ps. 145:1-12, 21; Matt. 10:32, 33.
12. Christ, the Great Physician. Luke 4:16-19; 5:27-32; 1 Pet. 2-24.
19. Glorifying God in our daily work. Matt. 5:13-16; Rom. 12:11.
26. Christian Endeavor comradeship: with other churches at home, and with distant lands. Acts 17; 24-28; John 17:20-21.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

Recent severe weather has kept the charities busy with applications for aid.

Miss Edna Olds is assisting in the work of the Charity Organization Society.

A meeting of East Side workers was largely attended at the Union for Home Work on February 1. Representatives of the Social Settlement, Village Street Mission, Christ Church, Woman's Christian Association, Warburton Chapel, The Shelter and The Open Hearth, told of their respective lines of work.

The Sisters of the Holy Ghost, who have their headquarters in Charter Oak Place are planning to open a day nursery.

If the press of the world would adopt and persist in the high resolve that war should be no more, the clangor of arms would cease from the rising of the sun to its going down, and we could fancy that at last our ears, no longer stunned by the din of armies, might hear the morning stars singing together, and all the sons of God shouting for joy.—John Hay, at the Press Congress at St. Louis.

"You can't keep down expenses when you've got to keep up appearances, that is, the appearance of being something that you ain't. You're in the fix of a dog chasing his tail—you can't make ends meet, and if you do it'll give you such a crick in your neck that you won't get any real satisfaction out of your gymnastics."—From "Old Gorgon Graham," by George Horace Lorimer.

But nothing is more real than what is spiritual, as approaching nearest to the nature of all reality—namely God himself.—Thomas Boston.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Idolatry in China is on the wane. Some of the highest officials and many business men have renounced images and temples even when they cling to ancestor worship. Christianity is growing steadily in numbers and becomes more influential every day. There are Christian churches in China that will compare favorably with some in the home land. There is no time, however, to be lost. Aggressive evangelization is imperative.—Christian Observer.

It is the open door for Christianity that has given Japan a unique place in the history of missions from the apostles until now; for there never before was a non-Christian nation in which Christianity had the full protection of the government, with liberty to its professors to go anywhere and everywhere throughout the land. Just imagine what a difference it would make with Turkey if the sultan should issue such an edict and mean it. What happiness would be given multitudes in Russia were the czar to give his millions the same religious liberty that the emperor of Japan has conferred on his subjects. It is to the lasting honor of Japan that her minister in Washington, Mr. Takahira, could publish in the "Independent," July 4, 1901, this statement: "The profession and propagation of Christianity are as untrammelled in Japan as in any part of the world."—The Search Light.

Five million dollars a year for foreign missions? Yes, but that is laying foundations of character for two-thirds of the human race, is opening up continents, transforming governments, enriching literature, and hastening the day when this prodigal planet, scarred and marred by sin, shall be radiant with the effulgence of the glory of Him who said, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations."

Can you, as one who wishes to be an all-round, well-educated Christian young man or young woman, afford to be out of a mission-study class?—Christian Endeavor World.

On the sleeping-car I awoke in the morning to find a boot and a shoe under my berth instead of the pair I had left there the night before. Not wishing to appear thus in public I called the porter, and showed him the error. He appeared somewhat bewildered, and finally remarked, in a tone of mingled perplexity and surprise: "Well, dat suttinly am peculiar. Hit's de secon' time dat's happened dis mawnin'."

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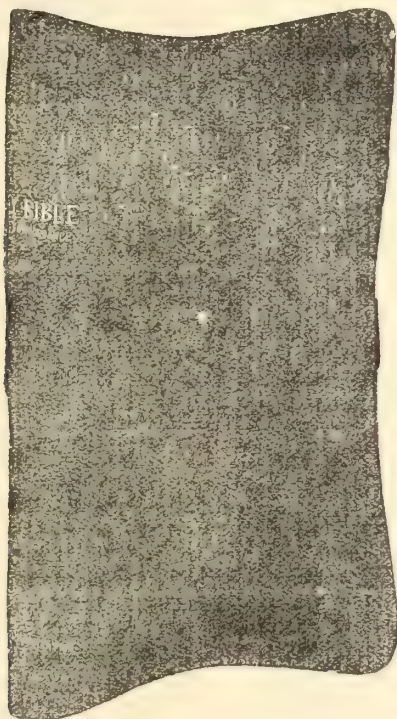
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RUM AND LONGEVITY

LESSONS TAUGHT BY TABLES OF AN
ENGLISH INSURANCE COMPANY.

Records of Abstainers and Nonabstainers, Kept Separate, Show Death Rate of Nondrinkers Thirty-six Per Cent Lower.

To the March Contemporary Review Thomas P. Whittaker, M. P., contributes facts of great interest to all temperance workers and of special value to every total abstinence tract writer. In 1847 leading physicians of Great Britain united in signing a declaration which said that "total and universal abstinence from alcoholic liquors would greatly contribute to the health of the human race." The truth of this finding and of its correlative that even a moderate use of alcoholic stimulants shortens life has long been a favorite assertion of abstinence advocates. Nevertheless in recent years it has been increasingly denied, and much authority has been quoted in proof of the proposition that alcohol possessed food qualities and, properly used, was not injurious, but beneficial.

Mr. Whittaker attacks the problem empirically and draws the data of what he claims is a demonstration from the experience of an English insurance company to whose actuarial records he has had access. This company was founded in 1840 and at first issued policies and continued them in force only to those who were and remained total abstainers.

A few years later nonabstainers of a selected class were admitted. On the books of the company the two classes have been kept separate, and it is possible to compare their respective death rates, the two classes being about the same in number, recruited to the company under the same rules of examination and the same in all qualities except that the members of one were total abstainers and the members of the other were occasional or moderate users.

Tables prepared by the actuary of the company, as quoted by Mr. Whittaker, show 31,776 whole life nonabstainers' policies aggregating 466,943 years of exposure with deaths to the number of 8,947 against 29,094 whole life abstainers' policies aggregating 398,010 years of exposure and 5,124 deaths. The death rate among the nonabstainers has thus been 36 per cent higher than among the abstainers.

Another table shows that the company's experience with its abstaining class indicates that of 100,000 living at the age of thirty 55,382 would survive to the age of seventy, while among the nonabstaining class experience shows the number of survivors at the age of seventy would be only 44,424.

As to the point which will be obviously raised in rebuttal—that the nonabstainers were not in general respects as good risks as the abstainers—Mr. Whittaker asserts that it is without validity; that, if anything, greater care

was exercised in excluding bad risks from the nonabstaining class than from the other; that in no case did the company write policies on men who drank to excess.

A "HOLIDAY" RECORD.

Extraordinary Black List Demonstrating England's Great Peril.

"Fruits of the Liquor Traffic In the United Kingdom From Newspapers of the Last Week of 1905" is a striking headline which appears in the Alliance News of London.

These newspaper clippings, which are carefully classified, present a striking array of truth regarding the curse of liquor. The facts cover a total of thirty-four pages of the News, and the whole number of cases gives the following totals, which certainly speak for themselves:

Murders	3
Manslaughters	4
Suicides, committed and attempted....	28
Stabbing, cutting and wounding	17
Premature, sudden or violent deaths....	65
Outrages and violent assaults.....	73
Assaults upon wives.....	41
Assaults upon constables.....	64
Drunken obscene language.....	27
Damage to property.....	42
Disturbances through drink.....	26
Cruelty to children.....	10
Drunk in charge of children.....	14
Drunk in charge of vehicles.....	18
Juvenile intoxication.....	3
Perilous accidents.....	3
Old offenders.....	49
Permitting drunkenness.....	20
Miscellaneous	142
Drunks, etc. (not classified).....	2,643
Total	3,292

A WINELESS BANQUET.

Conviviality Not Dependent Upon the Flowing Bowl.

A correspondent of the New Voice describes a banquet given in Beattysville, Ky., in honor of a man who had resigned his position as bank cashier to take up a similar position in Louisville. There were thirty-six guests present, all men, and in deference to the wishes of some no wine was served. The good impression created was voiced by the toastmaster, Hon. H. O. Pollard, G. O. G. of the K. P. fraternity:

"Friends, I am impressed deeply with this occasion. It has demonstrated to my mind two facts—first, never before in the history of the world were so many men, railroaders, merchants, bankers, miners, lawyers and teachers, assembled in a town of no greater population than this who could make so many happy, witty and intelligent after dinner speeches, and, secondly, it proves that a banquet can be held, and successfully, too, without one drop of liquor, and I am sure that the absence of it has given our remarks the high tone of purity and intelligence that have characterized them."

Beattysville is a saloon town, and the writer attended one other banquet there before where liquor flowed freely.

From the first men reeled away to

their homes drunk. From the second they went away glad, joyous and sober. In the last one all in the dining room, including waiters, were men, but no word was uttered that would have brought a blush to the cheek of the most refined and cultured lady.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

God is the most certain fact of objective knowledge. The idea of God is innate. The existence of God and of a future life is everywhere recognized.—Rev. J. Twyman Boyer, Christian, St. Louis.

In God's First Temples.

Jesus Christ taught an out of door religion. It was an out of door religion which was suitable and sufficient. Out of doors shall all of us sleep some time. Out of doors the angels sing and the martyrs die.—Rev. M. W. Stryker, Presbyterian, Clinton, N. Y.

Personal Responsibility.

It is possible for every one through the help of the grace of God to successfully do his work and meet his responsibility. There is no line in which development is so possible as in the line of Christian service. In this sphere when there is fidelity grand endings come from most unlikely beginnings.—Rev. Dr. David Gregg, Presbyterian, Pittsburg.

The Goal of Life.

Neither pleasure nor power nor happiness nor personal beauty is the goal of life. Our religion puts worthiness as the goal. There is a dignity which you can only win by a constant battle with your lower natures, and religion is a chart of life to keep this before you. Religion is discipline. To be a man is the highest life can give.—Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, Hebrew, Chicago.

Three Good Things.

There are three "good things" which we are to prove and then hold fast. First, confidence in our own God given ability. "Trust thyself and seek divine help. All things are possible," says Virgil, "to him who thinks they are possible." Secondly, all advancement in education, reform, good government or religion is dependent on human faithfulness. There is no room for a shirk in this world or the next. Third, the value of present opportunities. Do noble deeds today.—Rev. Joseph K. Mason, Universalist, Chicago.

Gives More Than Is Asked.

God never fails to listen to prayers, no matter how crude. We know he will not have everything we ask for placed on our doorsteps. Neither will he scorn the blindest of our prayers. He is like the mother who answers the cry of her child, although the little one hardly knows what it wants. He seems to be asking what we want and granting something better. He made the paralytic well, but how much more did he grant when he said, "Son, thy sins are forgiven thee."—Rev. Dr. William N. McVicar, Episcopalian, Bishop of Rhode Island

Politics In the Pulpit.

On many occasions it would be well for the pulpit to remember that "speech is silver and silence golden." The minister of Christ ought never to degrade his high office by using it to subserve the ends of purely partisan politics. He must not make the chancel a forum for personal attacks upon the characters of men in office. The preacher may distinctly designate the right and the wrong and the right doers and the wrong doers, and thus rightfully and boldly and yet always fairly criticize both measures and men.—Bishop Samuel Fallows, Episcopalian, Chicago.

Childlike, Not Childish.

It is childish to be irresponsible, to be guilty of a wavering purpose, not to note the essential influence on ourselves and on others from each event in our daily lives. We know with what care the child has to be taught year after year by precept and by example to be steadfast to that path of life to which it will be called. This is the thing we ought to do at all times—teach ourselves the necessity of firmness. We must be childlike in our faith and in our willingness to learn from our God, but we must let no childish elements creep into our characters to mar our service to God.—Bishop D. A. Goodsell, Methodist, Washington.

Looking to the Hereafter.

A man insures his life because he knows he is liable to die. The warning of the insurance company influences him. The housekeeper boils the water because she is told there may be death in it unless it is boiled. The great spiritual authority says, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." The church which fails at times to use the terror of the spiritual law and the consequences of continued sin is as culpable as the doctor who fails to point out to the young man the inevitable result of his wrongdoing. There is a quackery in medicine which feeds on men's sins and makes light of disease unto death so long as it gets its pay. So there may be a faithlessness in the church which speaks soft commonplaces when it should speak in thunder tones.—Rev. William A. Bartlett, Congregationalist, Chicago.

"In Other Tongues Than Ours."

The little verse which appeared in this column some weeks ago from the pen of John R. Clements entitled "Christian Endeavor" and which ran thus,

I promise that, as best I may,
I'll do my little task each day
And nothing shirk.
I'll let Christ have his way in me;
I'll show unswerving loyalty
In all my work,

comes back to us in a recent issue of *L'Activite Chretienne*, the Endeavor organ of Switzerland. The literal translation as it there appears is as follows:

Je promets de faire chaque jour ma petite
tache
Et de ne rien negliger.
Je laisserai Christ accomplir toute sa
volonte a mon egard.
Je monterai dans tout mon travail une
loyaute qui ne se dementira jamais.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The confirmation classes will begin soon and the rector takes this opportunity to remind those who are unconfirmed of the importance of this step.

An offering was made on Sunday, Jan. 29, for the Young Men's Christian Association work on Sunday afternoons at the opera house.

The interesting report of Noel Jacks the secretary, shows how this work is growing in influence and power. The gathering on each Sunday afternoon reaches 600 men, and most of these are young men. Surely nothing can so deeply appeal to our sympathies and to our wish to aid, as this good work done among the young men of our own city.

Some of the choir boys met in the parish room on Thursday night, Jan. 19, to form a branch of the Young Crusaders. This is a junior form of the Knights of Temperance, and takes in boys from 12 to 15 years old. This is a most promising work, beginning with lads at their most impressionable time, and constantly inculcating the duties of temperance, purity and reverence. The young men who have passed through the experience of the work and influence of the Knights testify to the good influence that they have felt.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, the ordination of Mr. Baldwin, as choir-master, was held in the church. A large audience was present. Five leading organists took part in the musical program.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, there was a brief installation service in the Sunday school for the teachers and officers. There are at present 95 teachers and officers in the school.

The Sunday school had an average attendance of 418 in January, as compared with 280 in January of last year, a gain of 138.

The offering in the Sunday school on Feb. 5, was for the Connecticut State Sunday School Association. The amount was \$41.72.

The boys' and girls' clubs are planning to give the "Deestrick Skule" in the near future.

The men's class, which is taught by Prof. Geo. E. Dawson, gave a social and entertainment in the church parlors Friday evening, Feb. 10.

The attendance on the part of the boys and girls in the morning church

service has trebled during the past three months.

FIRST METHODIST.

On January 20, the Epworth League gave a Variety social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Martin. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Another social of the same nature is to be given February 17.

Mrs. I. H. Coe, Mrs. W. A. Lane and Mrs. C. H. Burlingham, members of our League and church, are on the sick list.

A few members of our League recently paid a visit to the Embury Chapter of New Britain, at their devotional service on a Sunday evening. They reported a fine League, a meeting of spirit, each member awake, and testimonies many and prompt.

The morning lesson for Sunday, Feb. 12, was in Ephesians, 1:3-4, "Blessed with all spiritual blessings." The evening lesson was in St. John, 19:30, "The cost of redemption." Each Sunday we have many good thoughts to carry with us to our homes, which are given to us from the pulpit.

Mr. C. E. Hotchkiss, organist of the church, rendered a fine organ prelude a few Sundays ago, which we would like to hear again, variations and finale of "Jerusalem the Golden."

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The new janitor is agreeable evidence that "a new broom sweeps clean."

Forty men were counted at service last Sunday.

The Missionary Society gave a good supper and sale last week.

The Penny-a-Day Society will give a reception to our curate Feb. 24. He goes to Christ church, Brooklyn, N. Y., at an early date. The society will give a musical party March 3.

The Girls' Friendly Society will give a play on Feb. 28.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

On Friday evening, Jan. 24, a series of tableaux and a play written by Miss Trumbull will be given in the parish house, under the auspices of the Mission Club and the Junior Circle, for the current expenses of the parish house. Admission fifty cents.

Mr. Willis R. Hotchkiss will speak in the chapel on Monday evening, on mission work in Africa. As Mr. Hotchkiss is much in demand and has much of interest to tell in the mission-

ary's and explorer's line, the address will be of great interest to all.

A Yale meeting was held on Sunday evening which was most interesting. It was addressed by Mr. Goodsell of the Hartford Theological seminary and John G. Magee and Joseph H. Twichell, Yale students.

All are most cordially invited to attend the praise service held in the church at 8 o'clock on the first Sunday of each month. These services are very carefully planned by Mr. Lord and much of interest in church music is presented. On Sunday, Feb. 5, Prof. Waldo S. Pratt gave an address on "The Pope and Church Music," the subject for the service being "Mediaeval Church Music."

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

Rev. E. P. Hammond, the child's evangelist, spoke to the Juniors at one of their recent meetings and much interest on the part of the children was reported. Mr. Hammond has since gone to Nebraska, where he is engaged in evangelistic work.

Our pastor, Dr. Stone, lost a brother in Chicago during the month that is past, and was deterred from attending the funeral by the snow blockade.

The Woman's Mission Circle held a very interesting meeting at the parsonage February 11. One feature of the meeting was an informal missionary conversation, led by Mrs. Stone, touching various events in different foreign fields.

The Ladies' Social Organization has adorned the church parlors with attractive new carpets and the motto "Look up, and not down, Look out and not in" is temporarily out of use by those who enter.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

We feel very deeply the loss of one of our Sunday School teachers, Mr. Goff, who died recently of typhoid pneumonia.

Three new classes have been promoted from the primary department. The young people of the Fourth Congregational church gave the Japanese Wedding for us on the evening of Feb. 1, and Mr. Knapp gave a very interesting talk on his trip through the Holy Land.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Supt., Chas. F. Agard; asst. supt., Henry S. House; lady supt., Miss Ella L. Myers; primary supt., Miss Minnie Lawson; sec'y, Herbert Myers; asst. sec'y, Miss Edith Clogston; treas., Henry E.

Gage; librarian, Richard Walkley; chairman devotional comm., Richard L. Joslyn; assistant, the King's Daughters; chorister, Miss Alice L. Agard; finance comm., Miss Nellie E. Clarke, Miss Alice L. Agard, Charles Burton, Henry E. Gage.

Our Sunday school numbers 220. Of this number 91 are in the primary department. The home department numbers 27.

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Charitable Society was held on the afternoon of Friday, January 20. The reports showed receipts of \$76, and expenditures of \$54. The following were elected as officers: Pres., Mrs. Albert Walker; vice-pres., Mrs. C. B. Carroll; sec'y and treas., Mrs. Harriet Lyman; executive committee, Mrs. Lester, Mrs. Mather, Mrs. Royall. It was voted to do some work for the North Street Settlement.

The Sewing Circle held its regular meeting Friday, Feb. 3, at the home of the president, Mrs. Albert Walker. Some sewing for the North Street Settlement furnished work for the afternoon. Refreshments were served and a social afternoon enjoyed.

The February social was held on the evening of Friday, February 10, and proved to be one of the most successful ever given. Music was furnished by Mr. Wentworth, piano; Mrs. Spieske-Miller, violin; and singing by Miss Edith Aab. Mrs. Spieske-Miller played "Hungarian Dances" and a cradle song. Miss Aab sang "Sweet Thoughts of Home" and "The Jay." After the musical program, a great deal of amusement was furnished by the ladies who "earned a dollar" and read verses telling how. This was in charge of Mrs. Frank Mather and Miss Rearden. Refreshments were served.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Prof. Gillette occupied the pulpit January 22. Our pastor was ill at that time with grip. In the evening Rev. Mr. Walker gave a talk about his work upon the Mountain Whites.

Mr. Walker preached January 29, our pastor being absent in Worcester.

February 3 the Sewing Society and Church Aid Society held a meeting, followed by a 10-cent supper at 6:30.

Mrs. Judson of Japan gave a very interesting talk to the ladies in the afternoon. In the evening Rev. Mr. Macy gave an illustrated talk on Ha-

wai. Through the courtesy of Mr. Hine, 70 views were presented.

February 5 Rev. Mr. Macy gave an illustrated lecture on Southern Palestine and the Sunday School lessons for this quarter. These slides were also kindly loaned by Mr. Hine.

After some hesitating, Deacon Belden was persuaded to take up the superintendency after 25 years of faithful service. The teachers gave him a large bouquet of pink roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Resolutions, thanking Deacon Belden for his service in the past, were read by Deacon Welles. Deacon Belden responded feelingly.

For three weeks the contributions from the Sunday School will be sent to the famine sufferers of Van, Turkey.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL

The Kings' Daughters of the Glenwood church gave a "taffy pull" at the home of their leader, Mrs. Perwo, Friday evening, January 20. The evening passed pleasantly with games, and the society presented Mrs. Perwo with a gold thimble.

The cottage prayer meetings continue to be well attended, and are characterized by much activity and interest.

The usual monthly praise service was held Sunday, February 5, at 5 p. m. The musical program, which was much enjoyed, included several male quartet selections and two anthems by the choir: "The Radiant Morn has Passed Away" and "I will mention Thy Loving Kindness."

The new carpet for the church, projected a month or two ago, is an accomplished fact; the old one being removed last week, the floor scrubbed, and the new carpet laid in readiness for Sunday, February 12. The appearance of the audience-room is much improved.

Sunday evening, February 12, it being the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the pastor took occasion to speak of the work accomplished by the American Missionary Association, among the people whom Mr. Lincoln was instrumental in freeing. Several musical numbers were rendered by members of the Sunday school and Miss Alice S. Williams sang "O, for a Closer Walk with God."

A "Poverty Social" was held Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, and the wealth (?) of costume displayed on that occasion excited much amusement.

A supper will be given in the church dining room on the evening of Washington's Birthday.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The united Lenten services of the Episcopal churches of Hartford will be held in Christ church this year, as they were last. The following is the list of special preachers, beginning Thursday evening, March 9: The Right Rev. Bishop Jaggar of Boston, the Right Rev. Dr. Courtney, Rev. George R. Van de Water, Rev. S. D. McConnell and Rev. William R. Grosvenor, all of New York.

On the evening of Feb. 16, a number of the men held a social supper and organized a Men's League. About 40 were present and a pleasant and profitable evening was passed.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The annual reports which were presented January 1 showed a satisfactory comparison with former seasons.

The enrollment of the Sunday-school was 201, with an average attendance during the year of 134.

The offerings for benevolence amounted to \$309.46. Our school contributes to several missionary and educational societies, beside supporting a student in Berea college.

Our library of 398 volumes is kept attractive and serviceable. Thirty-six new books were added during 1904, and thirty-four withdrawn or replaced.

The cooking school has been caring for forty pupils, while the sewing classes show an enrollment of eighty.

It has been found necessary to increase the number of the sewing classes to accommodate the many who have applied for that privilege.

Our weekly teachers' meetings have been well attended and interesting. The special speakers during January were Dr. Charles W. McCormick and Prof. Edwin P. St. John.

The choir went for a sleigh-ride Wednesday evening, February 8. The following evening the Young Men's Club, which is made up from the membership of Mr. Ralph O. Wells' Sunday-school class, entertained the members of the choir with a supper and social at the chapel.

There have been many cases of sickness in the homes of our teachers and scholars during the past month. Mr. Louis Hansult died February 7, and Mr. Max Rollitscheck died February 13.

Willie Goodale, who met with an accident which injured his knee, early in January, is slowly convalescing at the Hartford Hospital.

The members of the gymnasium classes are planning to give an exhibition March 3.

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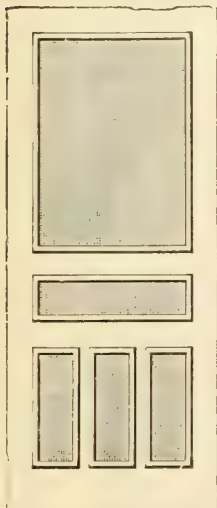
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The most notable event during the last month has been the successful opening of the automobile school. 150 persons were present at the opening lecture. This school will consist of a weekly lecture on various phases of the automobile construction and management, and two meetings per week for shop practice.

By shop practice is meant the care and treatment, management and repair of the automobile. The total number of individual students in the Hillyer Institute up to this date is 267. The total class enrollment is 337. This is the largest number for seven years.

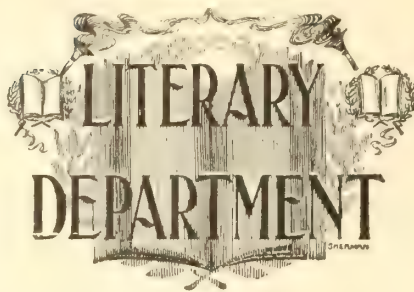
A marked development is noticed in other departments, including the physical work and boys' department and the religious work.

The noon shop meetings in four of the factories continue with unabated interest. On a recent date a company of men employed in the factories met the General Secretary at the Association building for tea, and spent some two hours discussing the various phases of this work. It was learned that these meetings are looked upon with great favor by the majority of men employed in the factories.

The theatre meetings in the Hartford Opera House have been the best of any previous year. The names and address of over 100 men have been secured of those who expressed a desire to begin the Christian life.

On February 25-26 a conference of Association workers for Hartford county will be held in Unionville. Saturday night, February 25, the Springfield Training School Glee Club will give a concert in Jewell Hall. Admission is free to ladies and gentlemen to the seating capacity of the hall. On February 28, to March 2, the Association workers of New England will meet for a conference at the Training School in Springfield. Monday night, February 27, a members' parliament will be held in the Association building to hear reports and con-

sider the best interests of the future work of the Association.



EDITED BY GEORGE E. CROSBY, JR.

A leading article in the February number of *The Cosmopolitan* tells of "The Early Days of Christian Missions in Japan." Adachi Kinnosuke, a Japanese himself, is the writer of the article, which is enlightening and thoroughly interesting. The illustrations are for the most part reproductions of old prints from the records of the Society of Jesus.

There is, in addition, the usual variety of articles, anecdote and fiction freely illustrated, and the editor, John Brisben Walker, contributes a significant editorial consideration of "The Simple Life."

The February magazine number of "The Outlook" includes among its special articles, "Who is Father Gapon?" by Catherine Bieskovsky; "The Sailor of the Great Lakes," by Wm. Davenport Hulbert; "An American Cathedral Close," by Elbert F. Baldwin; "A Story of the Sea Islands," by A. W. Dimock, and others of value and interest. The illustrations in this number are excellent.

"Rhode Island: A State for Sale," is the subject of the opening article in the February McClure's Magazine, and Lincoln Steffen's name signed to it shows that he has not discontinued his indirect crusade for political reform.

John La Farge's "One Hundred Masterpieces of Painting" is continued, while in fiction, a notable contribution is the first chapters of a mystifying serial by Edwin Lefevre called "The Golden Flood," a story of Wall Street.

The Century for February has four color inserts; two of Vesuvius in action, another reproducing the newly discovered fresco at Pompeii; and the fourth a color drawing by Anna W. Betts called "The Valentine."

Articles on Emperor William, on the Emperor of Korea, "The Conflict

in Finland," "The Boston Symphony Orchestra," and "The Everglades of Florida; A Region of Mystery," are included in the matter of general interest, while the fiction is well chosen and wide in variety.

Winning His "W." By Everett T. Tomlinson. 308 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: Am. Baptist Publication Society. Price \$1.00.

This is another new story of college life, in what is called the "Winner Series."

A picture is given of the experiences of a student in his freshman year in college, of the clashes of freshman and sophomore, of the adjustment of college relations,—altogether giving a good idea of college life in classroom and on the campus.

The story is one that will hold the interest of a healthy boy and have a wholesome, instructive influence as well. There are numerous attractive illustrations through the book.

Cats by the Way. By Sarah E. Trueblood. 115 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.25.

While there are many pleasant anecdotes of cats and their remarkable doings in this attractive little volume, the book as a whole is written so very enthusiastically, that it is likely the author will interest those having a special love for cats, more than she will the average reader. Some of the anecdotes seem not so wonderful to even a gentle critic, as they appear to be to the author.

Still the volume is interesting as dealing with the cats we are most familiar with, and not merely the picturesque kind.

The Millionaire Baby. By Anna Katharine Green. 358 pages, 12mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. Price \$1.50.

A millionaire baby is kidnapped, and such an unusual event naturally arouses not only public excitement, but the most strenuous efforts on the part of expert detectives to find out where the young lady is located.

Some of the excitement is conveyed to the reader, for Mrs. Rohlf's writes with more than usual enthusiasm and vigor and sustains her story plausibly and with mystifying rapidity of action. Some distinctly opposed opinions of the story seem to indicate also that the author appeals to a feminine audience more than to the masculine one. Certainly the fact proves versatility and a power not hitherto credited the author.

The illustrations are excellent.

The Handy Man's Book. By Paul N. Hasluck. 760 pages, 8vo. New York: Cassell & Co., Ltd.

This volume is a working encyclopedia of tools, materials, plans and processes employed in wood-working. Its illustrations, 2,545 in number, help materially in making it a thoroughly practical work on handicrafts, and it seems to be more exhaustive in treatment than any similar untechnical work yet produced.

All those who would handle tools, and who, by the use of them, wish to furnish the home and add to their income, will welcome the book. The treatment is simple and the explanations clear, suitable as well for a professional as for an amateur worker.

An 18-page index, containing between 3,000 and 4,000 items, affords a means by which readers will easily find information desired.

Little Miss Dee. By Roswell Field. 241 pages, 12mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. Price \$1.25.

This is a new novelette by the author of "The Bondage of Ballinger," and is a story of the same general character and style—written in a gentle mood and showing a sublime faith in human nature, optimistically blind to the little frailties and faults which show in mere human real beings.

But one likes to read such beautiful prose poems, for they are inspiring and softening. They rest a tired reader and give pleasant doubts to the cynical,—but the latter will not be surprised at the sad ending of the little tale.

The story is a charming and dainty one. "Little Miss Dee" herself is sweet and lovely—too bad that she who lived so much for others, lost so much herself at last.

Lyman Beecher. By Edward F. Hayward. 114 pages, 8vo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price 75 cents.

The character, early life, ministry and career as a reformer are considered in the eight chapters composing this short biography.

As the father of our own Harriet Beecher Stowe, there will always be an interest in Lyman Beecher here in Connecticut. In a larger field Beecher's reputation depends naturally upon the admiration and respect which his notable work and career won for him.

The present volume, though small, is an appreciation of the man, which is capably and sympathetically written.

The Genesis of Art Form. By George Lansing Raymond, M. D. 311 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$2.25.

A sub-title describes this as "an essay in comparative aesthetics, showing the identity of the sources, methods and effects of composition in music, poetry, painting, sculpture and architecture."

This is a second and revised edition of the work which was on its first publication recognized as a scientific and truly artistic attempt to find the original sources of the various arts. The result is interesting and while the work is naturally an unusual one, it has qualities which make it profitable for every person of culture to read it.



ROBERT GRANT, AUTHOR OF "THE UNDER CURRENT." Charles Scribner's Sons, Publishers.

The illustrations are numerous, being reproductions of photographs and original drawings.

A Hand-Book of English and American Literature. By Esther J. Trimble. 518 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: Hinds, Noble & Eldredge. Price \$1.40.

This is an edition of a work which, commended many years ago by such men as John G. Whittier, has since been revised and widely used constantly in schools, colleges and seminaries.

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John Brown, the Hero. By J. W. Winkley, M. D. 126 pages, 12mo. Boston: James H. West Co. Price 85 cents.

These personal reminiscences by one who claims to have not only observed the career of Brown of Ossawatimie, but to have served under him, are of great interest.

For that matter, more and more as time goes on, all that concerns this greatest of Abolitionists becomes of importance and keener significance. Dr. Winkley writes of that earlier period of which it is difficult to find detailed new reminiscences, so that this book is more than welcome.

We realize again in reading through these pages, how fascinating a romance is woven in the career of "Old Brown." The author writes with grace, vigor and a spirit of generous but calm admiration.

The Under-Current. By Robert Grant. 480 pages, 12mo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

While a novel of great power and interest, this work by Judge Grant is more noteworthy as a masterly discussion of some of the problems of love, marriage and divorce.

A young woman marries and through a peculiar series of happenings, her husband leaves her, alone with her child, facing the necessity of making her own living.

This problem she faces bravely and successfully, but new friends and acquaintances come into her life,—hence the problem the story propounds.

The character drawing is admirable. More especially, one will remember the philanthropic woman friend of Constance. The author's appreciation of feminine moods and motives seems unusual indeed.

There are numerous excellent illustrations in the book. Through the courtesy of the publishers, a portrait of the author is reproduced on this page.

Monkey Shines. By Bolton Hall. 78 pages, square 8vo. New York: A. Wessels Company.

The author calls these "Little Sto-

ies for Little Children" in a sub-title. There are 32 of them, and while they all are intended to amuse and entertain a child, they have the further aim of instruction.

The morals of the tales, while apparent, as a rule, are not obtrusive and the stories do not lack in real literary merit. Bolton Hall is always an earnest writer and this book is one in which his purpose is as serious as in his former writings.

The Shu King. Translated by Walter Horn. Old 306 pages, 12mo. New York: John Lane. Price, \$1.50.

Mr. Old has taken the ancient text of this remarkable historical Chinese classic and translated it into English.

The work is one of great impor-

oclastic, on subjects of religious living, believing and speaking. He speaks on the New Testament, on the obligations of the clergy, on the reading of the Old Testament history, on the Psalms, on sermons he has heard, and many other subjects inter-related.

The book is a deeply earnest one, and is entertaining to a degree. It is full of thought and is a well-informed, intelligent writer's work obviously. For these reasons, despite natural differences of opinion, there is a definite profit in reading this "diary."

The Garden of Years and Other Poems. By Guy Wetmore Carryl. 129 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

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The reader will feel, as Mr. E. C. Stedman suggests in a foreword, that had he lived, Carryl would have won a name as a poet, of the extent of which this collection can only give an unusual assurance.

Miss Carolyn Wells dedicates a sympathetic and appreciative quatrain to the late author. The volume is attractively bound and printed, and a fine bit of work in color by Maxfield Parrish forms a frontispiece of unusual appropriateness and beauty.

The Story of the Violin. By Paul Stoeving. 324 pages, 12mo. New York: Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.25.

Beginning with a discussion as to the original form of the violin and its development in various countries to the form it now seems to have approached perfection in, the first few chapters of this work are enlightening and show studious and keen research.

The chapters that follow give a chronological story of the progress of violin music, of violin making, of great players and of composers.

There is a great fund of anecdote and character sketching throughout the book, which gives decided human interest and readable quality to a work which ordinarily could hardly fail to be uninteresting to any save professional musicians. The work is instructive and sufficiently technical, yet thoroughly entertaining.

The author is Professor of Violin at the Guildhall School of Music in London, and is an authoritative writer. The work is copiously illustrated by drawings, reproductions of paintings and fac-simile sketches.

The Two Captains. By Cyrus Townsend Brady. 413 pages, 12mo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price \$1.50.

Napoleon Bonaparte and Lord Nelson both take an active part in the progress of this new novel by Mr. Brady, which covers a period from 1793 to 1798. This is the romantic story of an Irish officer of the English navy and the granddaughter of a royalist noble and officer of the navy of France before the Revolution.

The Siege of Toulon and the Battle of the Nile are the principal historic events which make a background and scene of action for the story proper.

The story is a brilliant one in several respects and there are several picturesque characters of noteworthy personality. The action is rapid and vivid.



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tance, as well as interest, for its record of the religion, philosophy, customs and government of the Chinese from the earliest times is authentic and clear. An excellent conception of the policy of the people and their rulers is gained from the work.

There is much that is vague to one not familiar with the spirit of Chinese life and history, but as a whole the book is enlightening and readable.

The Diary of a Church Goer. By An Anonymous Writer. 227 pages, 12mo. New York: Macmillan Company. Price, \$1.50.

The author has done what many have yearned to do—expressed his inmost thoughts, even when most icon-

clute earnestness of the first poem in this volume—the one which gives the book its title—combines with its beautiful similes and delicate word pictures, to make a poem which is distinctly inspiring and moving. The theme is so old—almost a love story in abstract—that only a pure mind, a noble heart and an earnest artist's skill could have conceived so notable a work.

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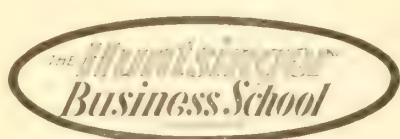
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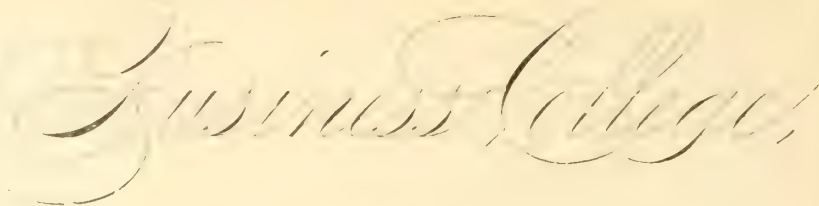
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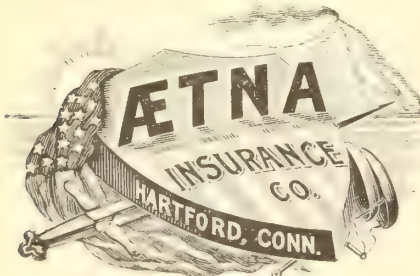


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Total Receipts in 1904,.....	15,931,556.76
Payments to Policy holders in 1904,.....	6,971,793.55
Legal Reserve on Policies, and all claims,.....	64,845,752.16
Special Reserve, in addition to Reserve above given,.....	2,294,786.00
Life Insurance issued, revived and paid for in 1904,.....	28,856,967.00
Life Insurance in force January 1, 1905,.....	237,304,739.00
Accident Insurance in force January 1, 1905,...	217,236,164.66
Guarantee Fund in Excess of Requirements by Company's Standard,.....	6,555,640.65
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Increase in Premium Income,.....	1,135,668.90
Increase in Total Income,.....	1,372,682.20
Increase in Life Insurance Issued and Paid for,...	2,225,105.00
Increase in Life Insurance in Force,.....	14,001,862.00
Increase in Accident Insurance in Force,.....	8,618,926.66



THE WATCH.

By Mabel Earle.

Through the slow lapse of leaf-strewn
summer hours,
While perfumed winds swing low in
grass and tree,
Spilling the sweetness of a million
flowers,—
Through noons and nights of puls-
ing ecstasy
A noiseless tide bears on my life to
Thee.

Through the white splendors of each
winter morn,
The chastity of stainless sky and
snow,
Somewhere beyond my sight, untold,
unborn,
Draws near that day Thy watching
eyes foreknow,
When I shall hear thy call, and rise,
and go.

Through the long wheeling march of
suns and stars,
The rhythmic sweep of tides from
pole to pole,
That hour is coming which shall break
my bars,
Write the last word upon my earth-
ly scroll,
And peal Thy sudden summons on
my soul.

I cannot know that next year's sun
shall rise,
Or next year's blossoms in the
meadows blow;
Yet some day, somewhere, in the light
mine eyes
Shall look upon the King at last, I
know.

Christ keep me till that hour shall
find me so!

Lest that Thy steps unhailed should
pass my gate,
Lest that my lamp untrimmed
should fail and wane,—
Thou, Who hast bidden me to watch
and wait,
Watch in mine heart, wait in my
soul, remain!
Leave me not, Lord, or I shall
watch in vain.
—Sunday School Times.

THE REFORMATORY.

By Henry Hopkins Kelsey.

The question of the reformatory for
Connecticut is now about where it
was in 1895.

At that time, the commission had
worked out an elaborate and admirable
scheme for such an institution as Con-
necticut ought to have. The idea was
approved by all the people who were
at all informed about it. The project
was killed by the expense involved
and the site chosen. The sentiment
of the state was not ready to expend
so much money and very many felt
that the institution should be placed in
the country where a large amount of
land would be available.

The scheme was then discussed, sen-
timent steadily growing in its favor,
but nothing was accomplished in the
Legislature until 1902, when a Com-
mission was appointed to again con-
sider the whole question, prepare
plans, select, and, if they deemed it
wise, to purchase a site. Their report
is now before the Legislature.

The people are now generally per-
suaded of the great value of a Reform-
atory, but only a fraction of our lead-
ers and Legislators are convinced of
its necessity, and since the present re-
port is practically a duplicate of the
report of 1902 as to elaborateness of

plan and cost involved, it doesn't seem
likely that it will be adopted.

What would have carried would
have been a plan establishing the in-
stitution, purchasing a site and the er-
rection of buildings enough to accom-
odate say forty or fifty men, the whole
to involve an initial expense of not
more than one hundred thousand dol-
lars, the institution to be further de-
veloped from within.

The value and need of such an in-
stitution can be no longer questioned.
We have more than thirty years of
experience in the demonstration of the
fact that the punishment system is not
the right way to treat beginners in
crime from any point of view. Con-
necticut's penal institutions will not
be in accord with the best sentiment
and judgment of our day until the
punitive system is replaced by a re-
formatory system, in which the wel-
fare of the man and his restoration to
honesty and industry is aimed at. It
is the State's business to help these
people out of a life which leads to suf-
fering and moral death and so to help
society. It can be done. The young
may be rescued from a criminal car-
eer. Very many may be prevented
from its beginning.

As to the comparative results of the
reformatory system and the punish-
ment system in prisons, we have these
facts, viz:

William F. Rounds, for many years
Secretary of the New York Prison
Association, has given it as his judg-
ment that from 70% to 75% of men
discharged from punishment prisons
return to crime.

Mr. McLaughry, for many years
warden of the Illinois Penitentiary,
estimates that from 65% to 70% of
men discharged from punishment pris-
ons return to crime.

Mr. Z. A. Brockway, the best posted
man in the world in respect of the re-
sults of reformatory treatment, says,
in a personal letter, "It is satisfactor-
ily shown at Elmira and elsewhere
that closely approximating 80% of per-
sons discharged from the Reformatory

do not return to crime. The difference in all lapses is between 70% in the State's Prisons and 20% in the Reformatories."

Had we such an institution in Connecticut, a considerable number of those now in State's Prison and many more of those who suffer from the jail sentence would be taken from the ranks of criminals altogether and restored to useful citizenship. What is needed in Connecticut is the revision of our whole penal system. We now have a conglomerate. The State's Prison is under a capable State Board of Directors. The County Prisons are under County management and are deeply imbedded in politics. They are associated with the fee system for all sheriffs and constables, which makes their perpetuation and the size of their population desirable to this whole class of people, it being the source of their livelihood. I express no criticism upon the personelle of this county constabulary or of their efficiency. I arrange the system under which they are compelled to serve.

The jail is a survival of conditions a hundred years ago, suited to the social needs of that time, utterly unsuited and opposed to the needs and ideals of our day. The institution is condemned on every hand as being a place where crime and criminals are bred, where men and women are injured, rather than helped. It is a blot on our civilization.

What we should have is a State management of all penal institutions. In that case our present jail plants could be used, one, for the detention of people waiting for trial; another as a woman's prison; another for juveniles; another for drunkards, etc. It would be altogether possible thus to classify prisoners, instead of putting all classes together as is now done. The regime of life in these separate institutions could be adjusted so as to be helpful and educative to the inmates. The reformatory principle could be in a suitable degree applied in our jails under this management. Occupations could be so planned as surely to make a better showing than is now done. Our jails now cost us, it is estimated, a little over Two Hundred Thousand dollars per year. It is estimated that the inmates earn per year about Twenty Thousand dollars.

One prison, preferably a jail in the country, could be well assigned for the detention of rounders, who should be sentenced, not for thirty or sixty days, but for at least a year and during sentence should be given remunerative employment and medical care and released only on parole.

This plan has been adopted in the state of Iowa with such beneficent results that the state is now spending Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars to build an institution for inebriates.

The Rounder burden is growing apace in Connecticut. Last year of 8170 commitments, 4723, 58% of the whole, had been in prison before. Among the whole 8170 there were, upon their own confession, 245 sober men.

Our present treatment of inebriates is inhuman, inconsistent, abominable. Not one good thing can be said in its favor. It seems shameful in the high-

est degree that it should be necessary for this whole readjustment of our penal system to be so bandied back and forth and, I may say, treated with a sort of arch stupidity, whereas, with the expenditure of a moderate sum of money at the outset, we could actually save dollars in the long run, rid our state of what is now a blot upon its fair name and save men and women to sobriety and industry and good citizenship by the hundreds.

There are before the Legislature at this time bills for Commissions to investigate the jails and the fee system and report at the next Legislature. The friends of the Reformatory still hope that the report of the Commission, if it cannot be adopted, at least in a modified form, will be recomitted, or that some action shall be taken that shall not again indefinitely postpone this great matter.

black for steady wear. Only high-class Korean officials may don garments tinted with blue, and these only may ride on donkeys, the most highly-prized animals of the country.

A Korean youth must go bare-headed, and must wear his hair hanging down his back in a single braid or pigtail, to the date of his wedding, even though the happy day should be deferred indefinitely. Until then he is treated as a boy, is excluded from the councils of men, and is a person of no consequence. But the moment he becomes a man of family, he may do his hair up in a little knot on the top of his head, where it resembles the stem of a pumpkin, and may don the *toga virilis*, or national hat, black,



THE SOUTHWEST GATE OF SEOUL.

WITH THE HERMITS.

Korea, the Dueling Ground for Occident and Orient.

By Kirk Munroe.

(Author of "The Flamingo Feather,"

"Under the Great Bear,"

"Campmates," Etc.

Why all Koreans, both men and women, naturally an uncleanly people, living amid surroundings anything but immaculate, invariably dress in white, is a conundrum that has puzzled many a visitor to the "Hermit Nation." The answer is, that in Korea white is worn by those who mourn their dead, and, whenever a ruler of the country dies, all its people are obliged to wear mourning for three years. Once it happened that three kings of Korea died within ten years, and, after three ineffective attempts to resume the brightly colored garb in which they delighted, the disheartened Koreans gave it up, and resigned themselves to perpetual mourning. It is as though every man, woman and child, in the United States should adopt

stiff, broad-brimmed, high-crowned and ungainly, but prized above all other articles of dress, and never removed from the head except at night, when it is replaced by a brimless cap of similar material. Korean women, plain of feature, and concealing whatever of shapeliness of figure they may possess beneath multitudinous skirts, draw over their heads, when appearing in public, a long-sleeved masculine coat, with which also they partially conceal the face.

Both men and women smoke pipes having tiny metal bowls, and stems so long that generally assistance must be summoned to light them. As they are inveterate smokers, and their pipes hold so little tobacco that they must be refilled and relighted every few minutes, the greater portion of their time is thus consumed. It is, therefore, safe to say that one of the prime causes of Korea's backwardness in development is the national pipe.

Another cause is the greed and short-sightedness of the imperial policy in seizing and appropriating individual wealth wherever found. Thus all ambition is destroyed, and no na-



THE KOREAN ARMY PRACTICING ARCHERY.

tive will strive for more than a bare livelihood, knowing that anything he may accumulate over and above that will be seized by the tax collector.

The emperor is an autocrat, but a very feeble one, and his government is as ludicrous a farce as was ever produced in comic opera. For instance: having reigned for many years as king, he conceived the idea of declaring himself emperor, and of having a coronation similar to those of European countries, to which he had at various times sent special ambassadors. Vast were the preparations for this event, and to meet the lavish expenditures for new palaces, useless bridges over existing highways, arches, gardens, decorations, gold-laced uniforms and fripperies without number, the impoverished country was made to groan under a heavier burden of taxation than ever.

Amid all the confusion of futile preparation, it suddenly occurred to the emperor that the world powers who would hasten to do him honor, would doubtless be represented by fleets of warships, each commanded by an admiral. He figured that there would be sixteen of these powers, and consequently the same number of admirals who must be fittingly received. But Korea had no naval establishment, no fleet, not even a single warship to fire salutes and on board which the expected naval guests might be entertained. There was no time for the building of ships nor any money available for the purpose, but these obstacles did not daunt the resourceful emperor. No sooner had he faced the dilemma than he ordered the purchase, from Japan, of an old transport, a quantity of white lead and two guns. Then the old ship, rejuvenated in appearance by many coats of white paint, was anchored off the harbor of Chemulpo, her two guns were mounted on the forward deck, sixteen admirals were commissioned and ordered aboard her in readiness to properly re-

ceive the naval representatives of the world, and the Korean navy became a fixture.

But, alas for the ambitions of the



THE EMPEROR AND HIS BROTHER.

emperor! The world was too busy to bother itself with his opera bouffe. The few nations represented at his court by ministers, authorized these to act as special ambassadors in case the affair should come off, but most of the

others paid no attention to his grandiloquent invitation. The expected fleets never sailed, his sixteen admirals had no duties to perform, his navy, not paid for, was reclaimed by Japan, and to this day, so far as the world knows, the poor, silly emperor has had no coronation.

The Korean army of a few thousand men, armed, uniformed and partially drilled, in European fashion, is almost as absurd as was the Korean navy, and while it is kept at Seoul, the capital, for the express purpose of guarding the palace, the emperor always seeks the shelter of a foreign legation at the first intimation of danger. But he is striving to promote the efficiency of his troops by equipping them with bows and arrows, and ordering them to be constant in the practice of archery.

Bordering for nearly two hundred miles the Russian possession of Manchuria, Korea projects from the mainland of Asia as a peninsula, very similar in form to Florida, and it is only half as large again as that state in superficial area. Its population is about 8,000,000 and its principal seaport is Chemulpo, on the west coast, near the mouth of the river Han, twenty-eight miles from Seoul, the capital, which is located in the mountain-encircled valley on the same Han River. This stream is navigable by fair-sized craft to that point, where it is crossed by a fine steel railway bridge. Seoul and Chemulpo are connected by a railway of standard gauge, built and equipped by American money, but sold recently to the Japanese, who also are constructing another line, some two hundred miles in length, from Seoul to Fusan, a Japanese colony and port on the southeast coast.

Besides owning the railways of Korea, Japan monopolizes the coasting trade of the country, all of which is carried on by ships of the great Yusen Kaisha Company, controls its tele-



AN AMERICAN-BUILT STEEL RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE HAN RIVER.



AN AMERICAN LEGATION AT SEOUL.

graph system, issues its paper currency, maintains troops at its capital, and is everywhere the predominant foreign influence. So completely are the natives overawed by their aggressive island neighbors that it is no uncommon sight to see a big, hulking Korean meekly submissive to the kicks, blows and commands of a little Japanese, not half his size, but as pugnacious as an English sparrow in presence of a crow. English sparrows, by the way, are as happily domiciled in Korea as they are in all other out-of-the-way corners of the earth.

Seoul is a walled city, Chinese in architecture and general appearance, containing some 200,000 people, and boasting a well-equipped electric railway that crosses it and extends into the suburbs on both sides. This also is an American enterprise, and on its line is the government mint, furnished with American machinery that stamps American nickel blanks with Korean characters and turns them out by the hundred thousand. These, and copper cash, constitute the entire national coinage.

Some eighty miles north from Seoul is a gold mine, owned and operated by an American syndicate, one of the best paying mineral properties in the East. The leading merchant of Chemulpo is an American, a Harvard graduate from Boston; the most successful missionaries in Korea are American Methodists who, at Ping Yang,



A GESANG OR DANCING GIRL.

near the gold mine just mentioned, support the most flourishing mission of their denomination in the world. Above all the western diplomatic influence most respected by the Korean court, is that of the American minister, Dr. Horace Allen, who, through long years of friendly and always helpful intercourse, has become a trusted adviser of the emperor.

During a recent visit to Seoul I was honored by an invitation from Minister Allen to accompany him to an evening performance at the Imperial Theater. Of course I accepted, and, as a result, enjoyed a delightful and most thoroughly mediaeval experience. We went from the modest but extremely pretty Chinese building that houses the legation, in sedan chairs, borne on the shoulders of coolies in legation livery. The procession was



A HIGH-RANK OFFICIAL.

preceded and guarded on either side by torch-bearers who lighted our way with Chinese lanterns draped in American colors and, by their imperious shoutings, promptly cleared a passage through the crowd assembled before the theater. At the entrance we were received by an obsequious manager who "kotowed" until his forehead bumped the floor, and by whom we were conducted to the imperial box, which was dressed with American and Korean flags.

The parquet below us was filled

with men all wearing their hats and all smoking, while the gallery was given over to women and children. There were two orchestras, one made up of a cornet, two violins, and an antiquated parlor organ of American origin, all played by Europeans; while the other was essentially a native product that, from tom-toms, string and wind instruments of amazing construction, produced some harrowing sounds as devoid of melody to the untutored ear as caterwauling.

On the stage was a group of gesang, or dancing girls, who had studiously concealed whatever of grace they possessed beneath voluminous draperies, fine of texture and gorgeous in coloring. These draperies so impeded movement, that the girls danced by standing still and waving their arms, or rather their sleeves, which hung half a yard below their hands. Occasionally they slowly revolved as though on pivots, and sometimes they slightly swayed their bodies, but they never smiled, nor showed any more animation than so many wax figures. It was not half so exciting as a performance that I once attended in a Malay theater where Hamlet was given by a native troupe in their own language and with a black ghost that appeared from and disappeared into, a clothes-press; but then the Malays and the Koreans are very different people.

Occasionally the girls varied the monotony of their performance by attempting to toss a worsted ball through a small hoop elevated on a bamboo pole, and when one of them succeeded, the audience loudly applauded, provided we set them the example, though if we failed to do so they remained silent.

There was one unique and very attractive dance given by young boys gorgeously robed and mounted on the shoulders of stalwart coolies who advanced, retreated, or circled about each other, in complicated figures, while the little chaps standing on their shoulders, and sometimes on their heads, waved their arms, and perform-



WHEN THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN.

ed acrobatic stunts with grace and precision in time to the barbaric, ear-rasps of the native orchestra.

In the meantime, in and out of our box, flowed an endless stream of high-class officials, generals, admirals, and members of the imperial household, mingled with attendants, bringing sweetmeats, tea and cigarettes. Also at the end of every act, or turn, all the performers prostrated themselves before us, and remained with their foreheads in the dust, until we gave them a small gratuity or permission to retire.

On the whole Korea is a most interesting country to visit, for in it may be seen, side by side, the tenth and the twentieth centuries. Also its present political position offers a most attractive study. For ages it practically has been an independent kingdom, though nominally in vassalage and tributary to the Chinese, the Japanese, or the Manchus who have conquered it by turn. In 1895 its complete independence, proclaimed by Japan as one of the results of her successful war with China, was commemorated by the erection of a fine marble arch, a short distance outside of Seoul, on the Pekin road, and at the place where tribute to China formerly was paid. But the days of Korea's independence, real or nominal, are numbered, and now she helplessly awaits the advent of a master, while the world, admitting that his rule is inevitable, only discusses whether he is to be mikado or czar.

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GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

A class for the study of missions in Alaska has been formed, with Mrs. Ruel Tuttle in charge.

The first Lenten sermon was preached by Rev. E. deF. Miel, whose subject, treated very earnestly and impressively, was "Prayer."

The sermon of the second Lenten Sunday was by Rev. Mr. Bennett of South Manchester.

The electric light service has now

been installed long enough for all to have learned to appreciate its great advantage over the former method of lighting.

The prize offered for the best record in the Sunday-school for the past six months was awarded Master Walter Bryant, who has not missed a single Sunday. The prize was a very attractively bound copy of the Bible.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The Whatsoever circle of King's Daughters will give an entertainment in the chapel on the evening of March 17. "Grandmother Blueblood" will exhibit her family portrait gallery.

At the last communion service, five persons were admitted on probation, four of whom were baptized, and five persons were received by certificates from other churches.

At the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, held at the home of Mrs. R. S. Eldridge, March 10, a handsome Oriental rug was presented to Mrs. Macmillan, wife of the pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Elmer A. Dent, pastor of the Sixty-first street M. E. church, New York city, has been called to become pastor of the South Park church, and has accepted.

The annual meeting of the New York East Conference will be held in Waterbury in April.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social on Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, and Mr. Augustine Ohow, a native of Bombay, and a student at the Seminary, gave an interesting talk about missionaries and schools in India, and of the differences of the castes there. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening passed.

Recently an entertainment was given by the Quimby family, consisting of musical and literary numbers. Mr. Fred Fisher sang several solos. A silver collection for the benefit of the carpet fund was taken.

Rev. Mr. Connell, the pastor, recently preached to the ladies of the Dorcas Society and their husbands on "Woman's Influence."

FIRST METHODIST.

On Friday evening, February 17, the Epworth league held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heusted, of 126 Warreton avenue. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all attending.

On Friday evening, March 3, the league held its last social at the church. Embury chapter of Trinity M. E. church came as a surprise to our Chapter in a body. An entertainment was given in addition to the social, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Mabel Russell; recitation, Miss Cowlshaw, New Britain; solo, R. E. McCausland; piano duet, Misses Parker and Tracey; recitation, Miss Cowlshaw; solo, Mrs. P. R. Everett;

piano solo, Miss Mabel Russell. Refreshments were served.

The Chautauqua circle had the pleasure of spending the evening of Tuesday, March 7, at the home of Miss Mary Utley of Blue Hills avenue, with the Deerfield Avenue circle, and listening to a lecture given by Mr. Truman Spencer on Henry the Fifth.

On February 19, Rev. H. A. Starks occupied the pulpit morning and evening, Dr. McCormick being at South Norwalk, assisting Rev. T. Henderson in evangelistic meetings.

Miss Corbin, formerly missionary to emigrants in New York city, gave a parlor talk on Home Missions, to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, at the parsonage on February 20.

On Friday evening, February 24, the Woman's Home Missionary society held an apron and candy sale, and entertainment at the parsonage.

A Queen Esther circle has been organized by young ladies in the church.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

On Thursday evening, March 2, a three-act comic drama was given under the auspices of the Young People's club before a large audience. Nearly all the characters in the play were taken by members of the club. The play was successful in every way, and pleasing to all.

There will be special services during Lent. The following clergymen will preach at the Sunday evening services: March 12, Rev. James Goodwin, Christ church; March 19, Rev. Francis C. Todd, Trinity church; March 26, Rev. George T. Linsley, Church of the Good Shepherd; April 2, Rev. Frederick W. Harriman, D. D., Grace church, Windsor; April 9, Rev. Cranston Brenton, Trinity college; April 16, Rev. James P. Faucon, Christ church.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Our church was filled to overflowing at a farewell reception to Rev. Mr. Scott.

The two little plays given by the Girls' Friendly society were very well carried out. The masquerade party was much enjoyed.

After an absence of two Sundays, we are glad to see our rector, Rev. James T. Huntington, home again.

The confirmation class is to meet every Sunday evening.

NORTH METHODIST.

A tea for the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school was given on Feb. 20. Mr. Knapp of the Fourth Congregational church Sunday-school was present and spoke to us of Sunday-school work.

On Feb. 26, the Christian Endeavor prayer meeting was addressed by Miss Jones of the North St. Settlement. She gave an exceedingly interesting talk about the work of the Settlement, also showing us a number of photographs.

The King's Heralds, the missionary society of the children, gave a very interesting entertainment recently, all

those taking part being members of the society. Nearly all of the members are the younger children and they are doing good work supporting a little girl in China.

On March 17, the ladies of the church will serve a "Unique Supper." The price of the supper will be 25 cents.

Mr. Howard A. Camp, superintendent of the Sunday-school, has recently moved into his new home on Prospect avenue.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society has secured Miss Dodge to speak at the morning service on March 19, on missionary work for the children. On Saturday afternoon she will give a Japanese tea party for the children.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

A meeting of the parish was held Wednesday evening, March 15, for the purpose of deciding upon a site for the new church. No definite location was acted upon, but the matter was left to the board of trustees, with power to purchase a suitable plot of land for the church.

A committee of fourteen, consisting of the board of trustees, the pastor, one member from each of the three societies in the church and three members of the parish, was appointed to have charge of the building arrangements.

Dr. Adams is conducting a series of Lenten services on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings. It is planned to carry these along until Easter.

FIRST BAPTIST.

A very successful Old Folks' Concert was given by the Young People's Association, Tuesday evening, March 14, in the chapel, at which a varied and interesting program was carried out under the direction of Mr. C. S. Shumway. Old-time music and old-time costumes were appropriately in evidence and the audience enjoyed the evening thoroughly. It was very successful financially.

The pastor preached at Vassar College on a recent Sunday. Over 1,000 collegians gathered in their new chapel for the service.

President Mackenzie of the Theological seminary supplied in our pulpit in the pastor's absence. His sermon was impressive and inspiring.

The men's meetings and the mothers' meetings have been especially well attended this winter.

The members of the choir have all been re-engaged for a year.

A week of prayer has just closed.

Much good resulted from it and it was helpful to us all.

By a vote of the church, the hour of assembling for morning service was changed to 10:30, instead of 10:45, as heretofore, the Sunday-school meeting at 12:05 instead of 12:15.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

An entertainment is to be given in our church on the evening of March 14, for the benefit of the church. A number of singers, musicians and elocutionists have been secured for the occasion. It will without doubt be a success, and we invite all to come.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

During the past month Mr. Knapp of the Fourth Congregational church, gave us a very interesting talk on "Jerusalem" and presented each one present with a map of the city and surrounding country as it is today. Mr. Hall of West Hartford gave an illustrated talk on the "Hard Things in Life" on March 5. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Sinclair of the seminary, have also occupied the pulpit.

The Ladies' Aid society planned a surprise on Mrs. Roys of Mahl avenue Wednesday evening, March 8, and despite the inclement weather, ten of the ladies started out, but not finding Mrs. Roys at home, they returned to Mrs. H. Townsend's, and there enjoyed their lunch. They intended to keep the affair a secret and would have succeeded, but for a postal card falling into wrong hands.

The King's Daughters will tender the officers and teachers of the mission a "St. Patrick's Party," Friday evening, March 17.

Mrs. Walter Ayres, who has been seriously ill, is now convalescent.

The Ladies' Aid society will give another of their famous suppers on March 24, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Miss Clark and Miss Myers, who have been ill, are now back in our school again, taking up the work they were compelled to lay down temporarily.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

February 26, Brigadier Lamb of the Salvation Army, who has been a resident of our town for some time, gave us a very interesting talk on the romance of the Salvation Army. He is obliged to go to California with his mother and sister on account of his health. Twelve dollars was raised to help on this good cause.

Mrs. George L. Clark, our pastor's wife, is spending a week in Washington, D. C., attending the national gath-

ering of the Motherhood Club, acting as a delegate of the club of Hartford.

Last week we lost a member of our church by death, Ellis D. Adams, son-in-law of the Rev. A. C. Adams, a native of our town, highly esteemed and for a long time identified with our church.

This month our Sunday-school contributes to the support of two Armenian orphans and our church to Home Missions.

The first of the year the members of the church took it upon themselves to install electricity in the parsonage, and on February 27, our pastor gave a social in honor of the occasion, which was very much enjoyed.

The Ladies' Aid society gave another one of their now famous twenty-five-cent suppers last week, netting them a handsome sum.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

February 12, in the evening, Rev. Mr. Macy gave a talk on Abraham Lincoln.

February 14, the teachers with their wives or husbands, were invited to Superintendent Belden's to have a social time and make plans for the year. It was voted to hold a teacher's meeting every month also to have an order of exercises for the opening and closing of the Sunday-school.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a supper March 3. In the evening Mr. Allen, superintendent of the school, gave an address on the Philippines. The slides were from Mr. Hine.

Mr. Oscar Phelps of Hartford addressed the teacher's meeting March 10. Much interest was shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pimm united with the church March 5. In the evening Mr. George Smith of New Britain gave an illustrated lecture on India. It was much enjoyed.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The Junior Society, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dennison, is largely increasing and older ones are solicited to come in and help. The care of the children is claiming the attention of both pastor and people. A very earnest prayer meeting was held by the Sunday-school teachers at the parsonage February 28, and the following Thursday evening meeting was devoted to prayer and suggestions in behalf of the children.

On Sunday afternoon, March 5, at 5 o'clock, Mr. Coe from the Alaskan Orphanage addressed the Juniors, the

whole congregation being invited. A real live missionary is always more attractive than one read and told about, and Mr. Coe came right up to the mark and could have held his audience interested much longer than he had time to speak. If giving expression to one's thoughts has in it anything restful, Mr. Coe must have been quite refreshed, for the five Baptist churches in the city each allowed him to address them on that day.

The Woman's Mission Circle held its March meeting at the parsonage and was one of the usual interest.

On Sunday evening, March 12, Mr. Chapman, Chairman of the Lookout Committee of the Hartford C. E. Union, addressed a small audience of Seniors.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The confirmation classes will meet on each Sunday morning at 12:30 and on Friday nights at 7:30.

The entertainment given by the Girls' Friendly society was a successful one in interest, in numbers and we trust in financial results. The young people taking part showed how carefully they had been drilled and they entered into their parts with confidence and interest.

The young men under Mr. Danker are meeting regularly on Tuesday night. Their drilling in the manual is conducted with great attention to the principles of order and obedience, two good things in any young man's life.

The Seabury club lectures to be delivered in this church on Tuesday evenings are as follows:

March 14—"Wisdom and Understanding," Rev. Samuel Hart, D. D., Berkeley Divinity School.

March 21—"Counsel," Rev. Harry Rowe Bogert, Point Pleasant, N. J.

March 28—"Ghostly Strength," Rev. Charles Mercer Hall, Kingston, N. Y.

April 4—"Knowledge," Rev. Louis Norman Booth, Bridgeport, Conn.

April 11—"True Godliness," Rev. Ellis Bishop, Boston, Mass.

April 18—"Holy Fear," Rev. Samuel R. Colladay, B. D., Berkeley Divinity School.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The study of the Old Testament, taken up by our pastor in the Thursday evening meetings, and also in the Sunday-school has proved both interesting and instructive.

Mr. Huntington Meech was elected to the office of a deacon of the church

at the last preparatory service, on March 3.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Mr. Kelsey delivered the first of a series of three sermons, Sunday night on "Three Sure Things." The theme on March 5 was "The Future Life;" March 12, it will be "Future Punishment," on March 19, "Future Blessedness."

It has been decided to have the ladies of the chorus choir similarly gowned and a suitable gown has been selected, which is somewhat after the pattern of the puritan costume.

Miss May B. Lord will conduct special gospel meetings in the chapel on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, for three weeks, beginning Wednesday evening, March 22.

Mr. Knapp went to New York Saturday, March 11, to take charge of his new work as superintendent of the Sabbath-school of the Broadway Tabernacle. On Monday, he went to Ohio for ten days' convention work in the middle west. Mr. Woodruff of the Theological Seminary will be the acting superintendent in Mr. Knapp's absence.

A pleasant part of the church service on March 5 was the singing by the junior choir.

The total attendance at the Sunday-school on March 5 was 488. The offering, which was for the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, amounted to \$28.86.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

At the Thursday evening meetings, the minister is giving a series of expository addresses on "The Discourses of Jesus in the Gospel of John." These addresses began with the New Year and will continue until Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter were at home on the afternoon and evening of February 1, to members of the congregation.

The annual meeting of the church was held on January 27. Dr. George R. Shepherd was elected a deacon for eight years. Mr. George E. Taintor and Mr. Charles E. Cooley were elected to the Prudential Committee for a term of two years.

The Year Book of the church for 1905 was recently distributed among the homes of the congregation.

The minister will meet persons inquiring as to church membership, in his room, at the hour of the Sunday-school session on six successive Sundays, beginning February 12.

On Tuesday evening, March 7, under the auspices of the Young Wo-

man's Home Missionary Club, Miss Carroll Dickner of Boston, read her paper entitled "Reminiscences of English Authors." The church parlors were crowded and the paper was much appreciated. Solos were sung by Mrs. Charles L. Johnson and Mr. Herbert S. Bullard, adding much to the enjoyment of those present.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

On Sunday evening, March 15, Mr. Coe of the Alaskan Orphanage, was with us. He gave us a very interesting account of his work in Alaska.

The annual meeting and election of officers of our Sunday-school will take place on Tuesday evening, March 14.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The March meeting of the Men's league will be held Wednesday, March 22, at the Memorial house. Mr. J. Nairn will give an address, "Stories of the Plantation and of the Plains." Mr. Bullard of the Center church quartet and Mrs. Smith of the South church quartet will render solos during the evening. The league realized a good amount from the proceeds of the comedy given February 23, which will be used for its expenses. The entertainment was a great success and reflected a great deal of credit on the young people of the church who participated in it.

The united services of the Episcopal churches at Christ church on Thursday evenings during Lent are intended to take the place of the services held on Friday evenings, formerly, at the church, and it is hoped our members will be well represented at these weekly Lenten services. Good speakers have been engaged for these meetings and Christ church should be well filled each Thursday evening.

The present quartet has been re-engaged for the coming year. It consists of Mrs. P. Everett, soprano; Mrs. G. Melgerber, alto; Mr. C. B. Pitblado, tenor, and Mr. H. Chatfield, bass.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Our quarterly roll-call and consecration service of the Loyal Workers Society occurs April 2. The date being so near Easter, we have decided to have no special music for that evening, but to give our attention to some arrangement for Easter.

It is always a satisfaction to announce a baptismal service and Sunday evening, March 26, we expect that rite to be administered to two, at least.

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THE REVIVAL WAVE.

Is there a revival of religion spread-
ing throughout our churches? In
many localities there are distinct evi-
dences of it, but it has not, as yet,
affected Hartford to any remarkable
extent. Ours is a conservative city,
not given overmuch to enthusiasm
over religion, or over other matters
as a rule. Its religious life is prob-
ably in the long run as vital and real
as the average in other cities. It
responds to the revival spirit slowly,
but it is fairly steadfast in its adher-
ence to the fundamental truths, and in
the practical application of the virtues,
of Christianity.

But why should we hesitate to "let
ourselves out," so to speak, in the
matter of religion. There are glad
tidings to be proclaimed, and a degree
of enthusiasm could well be placed
here. The quiet religious life may be
adapted to certain natures, but there
are other natures, so constituted, that
a certain object, be it religious or

what not, must pulsate with active
life and energy to prove attractive.

Again, does not the quiet and un-
ostentatious religious life often lead
to actual decay in spiritual vitality,
not only in the individual, but in the
churches as religious bodies? Is it
not desirable, nay, essential to relig-
ious life, to have a great religious re-
vival such as have in past times swept
over the Christian churches and con-
tributed so wonderfully to their
growth in numbers and in spiritual
life.

The signs of the times do point
to a religious revival throughout
Christendom. It has already started
and is spreading. It will reach Hart-
ford after a while, God willing. But
may it not be, that in our self com-
placency, we will wait until the re-
vival has spent its force before we
partake of it.

May Hartford speedily awake to
a renewed religious life and be in the
van and not in the wake of the com-
ing revival.

ROOSEVELT AS A PREACHER.

President Roosevelt has preached
two sermons in Washington in the
last week, either one of which or both
are worthy of distribution in tract
form. The first was delivered in his
own church to the American Tract
Society and the second addressed to
the Mothers Congress now in session
here on his favorite subject, race sui-
cide. If President Roosevelt had
never said a noble or inspiring word
these addresses would yet proclaim
him a reformer in the highest and
best sense of that term. There was
nothing new or startling in his speech
to the Mothers but it was an honest
and forcible plea for the homely vir-
tues of marriage and parenthood, and
a protest against the encroachments
of an artificial social life and the de-
mands of our newer and apartment
house modes of living. He spoke for
the home, for large families and the
joyful undertaking of the responsibil-
ities of parenthood. He demanded
as the right of the children and the
nation that parents should co-operate
in the teaching and care of their
children and he directed a most scath-
ing rebuke to the woman who "sunk
in the vapid self indulgence has let
her nature be twisted so that she pre-
fers a sterile pseudo- intellectuality
to that great and beautiful develop-
ment of character" which comes with
motherhood. Three thousand per-
sons listened to the address and as
many were turned away. The Presi-
dent was in his happiest mood and
seemed never more at home than

among the "Mothers". He said that
his sentiments were those of the
White House and he referred to his
own children saying that he practiced
what he preached and that he had
children of all sizes and that if anyone
called out the age he could match it
with a child. Mrs. Schoff, the Nation-
al president of the Mothers' Congress,
introduced the President and in an-
swering he said, "The father of six
greeted the mother of seven."

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Every educational institution that
comes to a large permanent life, has
to pass through a trial period. Its
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the strength of its financial support
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are all in country localities, for they
do not flourish near great cities.

They take the great men of pulpit,
platform and press, through the coun-
try; they take the best artists of song
and public speech; the presidents of
our universities, with their teachers,
take the methods and matter of the
college, domestic science for the
home, arts and crafts for industrial-
ism, to people of all classes. From
them great teachers and leaders of
the nation have a rare opportunity of
addressing multitudes of people and
of feeling the touch of inspiration and
enthusiasm which comes from deal-
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The State Police have surprised the people of Connecticut during the past year by their very effective work, in the face of hostility in various quarters. The "Connecticut Citizen" makes the following plea for it:

"The bills aimed to abolish or cripple this very useful part of our state machinery are in the works, but we do not believe that they will get very much consideration when the hearings come. The opening years work speaks for its self, and with the added experience the value of the officers will surely increase. Common business sense would give it a longer trial anyway, even though it had not commended itself so thoroughly at the start.

Cheer up the superintendent and officers by making it unanimous for their retention.

The Peace Congress Committee of Boston, Mass., sends its official report of the Thirteenth Universal Peace Congress, held in Boston from October 3 to 8, 1904. In it the proceedings in detail are given, including speeches and addresses.

Some brilliant speakers took part in occasional debates of great interest, while the set speeches of such men as Pastor Charles Wagner of "Simple Life" fame, and General Miles, and such women as Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Belya Lockwood and Miss Jane Addams, make this report a volume well worthy of reading and of preservation.

Sunday, March 26, will be quite extensively observed as Fanny Crosby Day, March 24 being her eighty-fifth birthday.

As a hymn writer she has perhaps been more prolific as to quantity than any other person, and that her hymns have intrinsic merit is evidenced

by their extensive use. Some of her best known hymns are "Rescue the Perishing," "Pass me Not," "I Am Thine," "Speed Away," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," etc.

Rev. Newman Smyth has an article in "The Outlook" on "Political Corruption in Connecticut." Assuredly, this is a subject which can properly be discussed with profit, but it is somewhat a matter of regret that Mr. Smyth's article deals so largely with generalities. Either the situation in this state has not become so rank as in many other states, or the political manipulators are unusually adept.

One query is always in order when the subject of our State legislature is up for discussion. That is, "why do our legislators, chiefly, apparently, for the benefit of the "Consolidated" railroad, place a limit to the value of a human life at about ten per cent. of what the New York courts sometimes allow? What is Rev. Mr. Smyth's theory regarding this matter?

The permanent return of Bishop Vincent to the United States following the conclusion of his work in Zurich will make it possible for him to be at Chautauqua, N. Y., in 1905 and during all future seasons. He will as in previous years, preach one Sunday morning sermon during August, conduct Devotional Hours during Recognition week, have general charge of the famous Sunday Vesper Service in the Hall in the Grove and preside over many other of the religious and secular meetings.

It is significant that both the Republican and the Democratic candidates for mayor of Chicago favor municipal ownership of street franchises,—the former desiring gradual and the latter immediate purchase and possession of those rights.

In an eloquent address at the Washington meeting of the American Tract Society, President Roosevelt, alluding to the Society's work among immigrants, said, "If we do not see that the immigrants and the children of the immigrants are raised up, most assuredly our own children and our children's children will be pulled down."

At the parlors of the Center church February 27, the first general meeting of the Hartford Guild of the Religious Education association was held. The guild was organized last November and at that time Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter was elected its president and Samuel H. Williams of Glaston-

bury its secretary and treasurer.

The provisional committee on details of organization made a report which was adopted. This included the addition of the following officers to those elected in November:

Vice-president, Rev. Dr. J. Coleman Adams; executive committee, B. Norman Strong and Professor Henry A. Perkins; council, Flavel S. Luther, William Douglas Mackenzie, Rev. Dr. Charles W. McCormick, Rev. Philip C. Wolcott, Willis I. Twitchell, William L. Cushing, Professor Edward H. Knight, Noel H. Jacks, Rev. Roscoe Nelson, Professor Waldo S. Pratt.

This list will probably receive other additions in the future. President Mackenzie of the Hartford Theological seminary, made a report of the convention of the national association recently held in Boston, speaking of the general plan and spirit of the association.

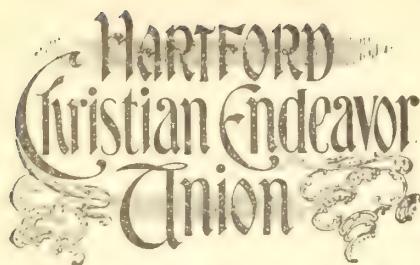
Professor Pratt spoke of the machinery of the association for practical efficiency and of its divisions into departments and the formation of local guilds. The Hartford guild already has enrolled about 100 members.

At the recent annual meeting of the North Street Settlement, the following were elected managers: Miss Effie M. Abrams, Atwood Collins, Mrs. Charles E. Dustin, Professor Henry Ferguson, Mrs. F. H. Hastings, Miss C. M. Hewins, Miss Catherine Howard, Mrs. Charles A. Jewell, Miss Eleanor Hope Johnson of Farmington, Miss Mary Graham Jones, Professor A. R. Merriam, Miss Frances Z. Niles, Professor Lewis B. Patton, Mrs. Arthur Perkins, Rev. W. W. Ranney, Miss Mary W. Russell, Mrs. Minnie Samuels, Walter S. Schutz, Miss Alice W. Stillman.

Miss Hewins read an interesting paper on "The Value of Settlement Work" in which she gave many details of the work in New York and other cities and showed what a really educational feature for young men and women workers, assistance in settlement work was. She quoted a college president in New England as recently saying that no college man's education was complete without a course in settlement work.

Miss Jones read her annual report for the tenth year of the settlement.

The Hartford Sunday School Superintendents' Union held its last meeting at Park Congregational church on March 17. The subject discussed was "Teachers' Meetings; Methods and Results."



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Endeavor Friends:—

I have before me a letter from the United Societies of Christian Endeavor in reference to forming a national federation. This matter has been discussed by our state executive committee and fully endorsed by them. It is desirable that every society in the Hartford Union become identified in this movement.

Your president is heartily in accord with its objects. From this federation the following great advantages would accrue:

First. A capable and expert secretary for the federation could be secured, who by correspondence and printed matter would counsel, answer questions, collect data, furnish best methods of work, suggest new plans, programs for meetings, etc., and keep all the unions in the federation in touch with one another, thus helping every union to be as good as the best and holding in trust for all the experiences and wisest methods of each.

Second. A monthly or quarterly union journal could be published and circulated. This journal would be the organ of communication between the secretary and the union for the purpose above named, and would keep all the unions in touch with one another, giving, as has been said, the best plans of each to all.

Third. The federation would be exceedingly useful in stimulating the growth of Christian Endeavor, and in keeping the unions true to our fundamental principles.

Fourth. The best methods of raising money and conducting the finances of unions, drawn from the experience of all, would receive the attention of the secretary, so that every union in the federation would be a financial gainer.

Fifth. The secretary could organize bureaus in various parts of the country to supply speakers for mass-meetings, conferences, and other union meetings.

Sixth. The secretary could promote not only unions of Young People's societies, but Junior and Intermediate unions, and unions of mothers' societies, rural family Endeavor, floating societies, prison societies, etc.

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

Our part in this will be the matter of a subscription. Can we give \$25? This would mean about 80 cents on the average for each society. Talk the matter up so that your director will be able to take the matter up in the next directors' meeting.

Yours in C. E.,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

March, 1905.

5. The making of a Christian: his speech. Ps. 145:1-12, 21; Matt. 10:22, 33.
12. Christ, the Great Physician. Luke 4:16-19; 5:27-32; 1 Pet. 2:24.
19. Glorifying God in our daily work. Matt. 5:13-16; Rom. 12:11.
26. Christian Endeavor comradeship; with other churches at home, and with distant lands. Acts 17:24-28; John 17:20-21.

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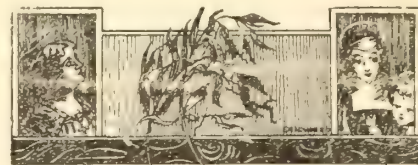
2. The making of a Christian: his food. 2 Tim. 3:14-17; John 6:47-58.
9. What does Christ's life show us about the Father? John 14:6-24.
16. Glorifying God in our recreations. 1 Cor. 10:31; Ps. 16:5-11.
23. "The power of His resurrection." Rom. 6:3-13; Phil. 3:10.
(Easter Topic.)
30. Prayer for missions, at home and abroad. 1 Tim. 2:1-8.

CONNECTICUT C. E. UNION.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee, it was planned to hold six district meetings during the fall of 1905, similar to those held in October, 1903. It is expected to have these gatherings in Stamford, Waterbury, Meriden, Putnam, Norwich and Thompsonville. It is hoped that Endeavorers in districts near the places of meeting will do all in their power to create an interest in members, to the extent of spreading the news early and thereby securing a goodly attendance. The committee to complete the arrangements has been appointed and has for its chairman an Endeavorer who will devote his time to having a first class program for all to enjoy.

Efforts are being made by the New York City Christian Endeavor Union to bring into their fellowship the large number of Episcopal churches in the city. Rev. F. J. Horsefield, former president of the Church of England Christian Endeavor Union, and editor of the "Church of England Endeavourer" is assisting, and the prospects are encouraging. Among the recent

enlargements of the work of the New York City Union is the appointment of Mr. Alfred Ward as chairman of the Seamen's Work Committee. This committee will visit ships dropping anchor in New York harbor, and assist the Floating Endeavorers on the naval ships coming here.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

On Feb. 28, the union held its annual free-will offering meeting. The president being absent, Mrs. Brackett, the vice-president, conducted the meeting. The devotional service was led by Mrs. D. W. Howell, with appropriate scripture reading and prayer. The address was given by Miss Helen Dunkill, a native of India, attired in her native costume. It was an interesting address, giving much information in regard to the condition of women and girls in their native land. The attendance was large and the offering generous.

THE SHELTER.

Twice during the past month the Shelter family has been treated to an evening entertainment. Friends from Wethersfield provided a program consisting of instrumental and vocal music and recitations and recently a number of ladies from the north part of the city spent a pleasant evening, during which music and games were enjoyed.

One of our girls who has been in the home for several weeks, and who gave evidence of a purpose to live a true and honest life, has recently gone to South Dakota, where friends will aid her to establish herself in some useful employment.

The clothing bureau continues to be an important feature of the work. Many poor people are enabled to get comfortable clothing at very moderate prices, while the income derived from the sale of these articles helps in some degree to support the home.

The Hartford branch of the Connecticut Children's Aid society constantly has children for whom it is providing hospital care. For this work it is especially anxious for funds and, besides its own efforts to earn money in various ways, it is doubly apprecia-

tive of money in any amount which is contributed from outside friends.

The regular meeting of the society was held at its rooms in the Cheney building, Tuesday afternoon, March 14. A large number attended. Mrs. A. R. Chase, a collector of funds for the society for eight years, spoke interestingly of her part in the work. Miss J. M. Griswold, the secretary, also spoke, more especially congratulating the society on its progress and referring to efforts to induce children to start bank accounts, citing instances to prove the benefit such savings had proven.

The proceeds of the valentine party for the benefit of the hospital fund were \$240. One of the Home girls is now at the Hartford hospital for treatment.

The Sunshine society has received many magazines and other articles during the month, all of which will be passed along to good advantage.

That the society can reach a long way with its rays of sunshine is shown by the fact that Mr. George O. Dresser, a helpless invalid from rheumatism, of Amboy, Ill., celebrated his 31st birthday on March 14, and many letters of good will and cheer were sent him and probably more than one kindly gift.

Several new members have come into the society this month. The growth is steady and encouraging, but new members are always welcomed.

The National Congress of Mothers has recently been in session in Washington, and the newspapers have joked the usual jokes about neglect of the husband's shirt buttons and the babies. But the organization has been doing good work against Mormonism and divorce, and in behalf of juvenile courts.—C. E. World.

We need to be more alone with God that we may learn, as only in solitude we can learn, the sweet secret of His fatherhood.—Dawson.

It is not mere hate and horror of sin, that we learn from the disclosure of the heart of God in Christ; it is love of righteousness and holiness.—Horne.

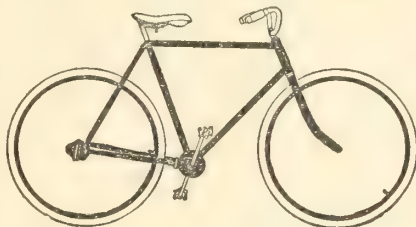
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A men's meeting was held in the chapel Friday evening, March 3, at which Mayor William F. Henney gave an address on "Lessons from the Life of Abraham Lincoln," giving some very good advice with regard to "good citizenship," and the duty of men in general concerning political affairs. The address was very instructive and thoroughly appreciated by all present. Refreshments were afterwards served in the parlors by the ladies of the church.

On Friday evening, March 10, a lecture was given by Professor L. B. Paton of the seminary, on the Holy Land, illustrated by stereopticon views.

On Sunday evening, March 12, an illustrated talk was given by the pastor on the "Holy Child."

Rev. Roscoe Nelson, pastor of the Congregational church, Windsor, preached Sunday morning, March 12, in exchange with Rev. W. W. Brecknridge.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian society was held in the chapel Tuesday evening, March 14. Reports were received from the board of trustees, the treasurer and assistant treasurer. The financial year for the society showed very satisfactory results and much interest was manifested. The following officers were elected: Board of trustees, James Pullar, chairman; Charles Pullar, Alexander Watson, Samuel Collins, Henry Ford, William H. Shaffer, William B. Low, William A. Neilson; treasurer, James Finlay; assistant treasurer, F. W. Lycett; auditors, A. D. Mackinnon and Thomas R. Mullans; clerk of society, E. C. Down.

A "Scotch Tea" was given in the parlors on Wednesday evening, March 22, by the ladies.

TRINITY CHURCH.

During Lent, there is evening prayer daily in the church at 5 o'clock, with Litany and address on Wednesdays. Friday afternoons the Missionary League meets at 3:30 o'clock and attends the service following. Preceding the Wednesday service, there is an organ recital at 4 o'clock.

The bishop of the diocese will visit the parish on the evening of Easter Day, April 2.

Those who have not received the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands, are asked to consider this matter seriously, and to attend the preparatory class now being held on Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock in the parish room.

At the evening service on the first Sunday in Lent the choir rendered Maunder's "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" before a large congregation.

On the remaining Sunday evenings in Lent, the rector will give a series of addresses on the "Parable of the Sower."

A course of brief addresses on "The Beatitudes" will be given on Wednesday afternoons by Rev. Mr. Todd.

Wednesday evenings, at 8 o'clock, the Mission Study Class meets in the parish room, devoting an hour to the study of "China."

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last meeting of the N Club we listened to an exceedingly interesting lecture by Professor Henry Mayer on "Jewish Dietary Law." The club, being divided into two sides to secure new members, the losing side to provide a supper, it was voted to increase the time one month, as many new members are yet to come in.

Our Sunday-school is growing steadily. The average is over 200 so far this year.

We are just starting to raise \$100 in the Sunday-school for the church debt.

Miss Mae Parker and Miss Sadie Dow are the new librarians.

At the last supper of the Ladies' Aid society, Mrs. R. H. Noble and Martin J. Riga took the prizes.

The Christian Endeavor society has elected the new officers for the next six months.

Miss Bessie Noble has returned home from Pittsfield, Mass., where she has been for some time.

HARTFORD BAPTIST UNION.

The annual meeting of the Hartford Baptist Union will occur on Wednesday evening, April 12. The business meeting will be held at 5:30 p. m., to be followed by a social gathering and banquet in Foot Guard hall on High

street at 7:30. The Rev. C. H. Spalding, D. D., of Boston will be the principal speaker, subject "The Call of the Hour." It is expected that there will be at least five hundred present, as these gatherings have been growing in interest for several years.

The last quarterly union prayer meeting of the union, held Thursday evening, March 9, in the South Baptist church, drew out a large attendance. Every seat in the chapel was taken. The president of the union, Mr. Charles Edward Prior, reported progress along all lines and several pastors and laymen confirmed his report from their own observations. The work now being accomplished proves that "In union there is strength."

The Italian missionary, Rev. Antonio Roca, was confined to his house by illness last week and was unable to preach Sunday morning. In his absence there was an interesting talk by Giovanni Venditi, a young man of fine ability who was converted recently in the mission. At the afternoon service, the Rev. Mr. Pogano, pastor of the Italian Baptist mission in Springfield, preached a fine sermon to a large audience. The singing was inspiring.

I want to know about God. He very strangely condescends indeed in making things plain to me, actually assuming for a time the form of a man that I at my poor level may better see Him. This is my opportunity to know Him.—Henry Drummond.

By the light of nature we see God as a God above us; by the light of the law we see Him as a God against us; but by the light of the gospel we see Him as "Immanuel, God with us," in our nature, and, what is more, in our interest.—Matthew Henry.

It is a striking fact that in all literature the sentence best loved by children is Christ's "Suffer little children to come unto me," the sentence best loved by the aged, "Let not your hearts be troubled," the sentence best loved by the men the one beginning, "For God so loved the world."—Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D.



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ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christian Endeavor Juniors had their annual sleigh ride on Washington's Birthday. About forty attended and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Surprises seem in order. Recently the Junior Endeavor Society surprised their president, Mr. O. W. Tule, and presented him with a gold C. E. pin. Also the King's Daughters surprised their president and gave her a gold thimble similar to the one they had previously presented to Mrs. Perwo.

Sunday, February 19, the pastor exchanged with the Rev. Wilford Mann, of Indian Orchard, Mass.

Communion Sunday, March 5, one new member was received on profession of faith.

Tuesday, February 28, an excellent supper was given by the Ladies' Aid Society, and was well attended.

Wednesday, March 1, an entertainment was given under the auspices of the King's Daughters, by Mrs. Mary Perwo Sage, assisted by Miss Gertrude Laidlaw, and the Caverly Twins, who both recited and sang. The King's Daughters are unceasing in their activity. Their latest move is the purchase of the handsome draperies back of the pulpit.

At the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening, March 5, A. H. Brooks, president of the local Christian Endeavor Union, and Miss Bartlett of the City Mission, were present, and gave interesting talks. The interest in the cottage prayer-meetings continues unabated—nay, rather, it is on the increase, so that there is a demand for more frequent meetings, one Monday and another Thursday evening.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The meetings of the Endeavor Society are more largely attended than for some time and unusually good leaders have been procured, so that well-prepared meetings have been our good fortune.

The bi-weekly supper was given last Friday evening, followed by recitations by Miss Mary Altemus and vocal selections by Miss Aab and Mrs. Everett. Previous to the musical and literary entertainment, "A Bachelor's Reverie" was given by the young people of the church. One of the largest audiences of the season was present.

The Chinese Sunday-school holds

its sessions in City Mission hall (Pearl street) and all interested will be cordially welcomed.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Rev. C. P. Coe, who is in charge of the Baptist Orphanage in Alaska, was with us Sunday morning, March 5. He gave a most interesting account of his work there.

Rev. A. F. Baker, the Baptist state evangelist, will assist our pastor in special meetings later in the spring.

The ladies of the church are soon to have a missionary meeting when the money bags, which were given out, will be collected again. The special subject of the meeting will be "India." It promises to be an interesting meeting.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Rev. Robert C. Hull, pastor of the Baptist church at Suffield, occupied the pulpit Sunday evening, February 19.

Sunday, February 26, Rev. Thomas Barbour, D. D., preached at both services.

Mrs. Helena Rossiter read a paper on "How to Make the Home Happy," before the King's Daughters' circle, Wednesday evening, March 1.

A missionary meeting of the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, held Wednesday evening, March 8, was addressed by Dr. Main.

The "Religions of Japan" was the subject of the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary society, held Friday, March 10. Mrs. Frederick Atkins led the devotional service.

At the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening, March 5, Mr. Curtis P. Coe told us of his work at Kodiak, Alaska.

Special prayer-meetings will be held as follows: Tuesday, March 14, address by Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D. D., of New Britain; Wednesday, March 15, address by Rev. Henry Clarke of Bristol; Thursday evening, regular service conducted by the pastor; Friday evening, Rev. J. B. Connell.

The pastor has been preaching a series of sermons on "The Model Prayer," being an analysis of the prayer our Lord taught His disciples.

The pastor is now preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on the following subjects: March 5, "What Did Jesus Say about Himself?" March 12, "What Did Jesus Say about God?" March 19, "What Did Jesus Say about Hell?" March 26, "What Did Jesus Say about Heaven?"

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

February 19, Mr. Edward M. Roszelle addressed the Park church club in regard to "Why Working Men Do Not Go to Church."

Rev. Pasquale De Carlo addressed the C. E. Society concerning his work among the Italians in this city.

It is with regret, indeed, that we must accept the resignation of Mrs. F. A. Smith from our choir, and we extend our best wishes to Mrs. C. P. Waterman, who will serve in her place.

Mite boxes have been distributed to the members of church and congregation, which will be opened next December and their contents will probably go toward lowering the church debt.

February 26, Mr. Sakis M. Albarian, of Hajin, Asia Minor, a graduate of St. Pauls College, Tarsus, addressed the C. E. Society on the topic, "Dr. Fuller and His Work in Aintab, Turkey."

From March 6 to 10, in our church, was held a series of evangelistic meetings, which we hope and pray may bear fruit.

President Mackenzie, Rev. R. H. Potter, Rev. H. E. Peabody, Rev. O. H. Bronson and others, assisted Mr. Ranney in the preaching service. Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Couch led the singing. On Friday evening there was an excellent attendance.

Tickets are on sale for an afternoon address by Mrs. Margaret Deland in our chapel, April 1, under the auspices of the Mission Circle.

The Hartford Sunday-school Superintendents' union meets with us Friday, March 17, when a supper will be served, for which there is a charge of 25 cents.

On Thursday evening, March 16, Mr. Sinclair of the seminary, will tell about the systematic revival in the city of Philadelphia.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues of the Church gave an entertainment on Friday evening March 10, which was attended by a large number of the friends of the young people.

On Sunday, March 12, the mite-jars, which have been in the hands of the people for the past eight weeks, were broken. The amount required to meet the various outstanding accounts was \$877.46 and this amount was realized in cash at the close of the service. Several instances of noteworthy devotion and commendable generosity made possible this achievement.

UNITY CHURCH.

On Friday evening, Feb. 24, the ladies of the Charitable Society gave a Masquerade Social in the parlors of the church. It was well attended and a success, socially and financially.

On the evening of Friday, March 10, the regular church social was held. The entertainment was a book contest, that is, guessing titles, those present wearing a badge or costume representing name of a book, some being very ingenious and interesting. A list of "periodicals" was written on a blackboard and furnished much entertainment. The parlors were beautifully decorated in green and white by the Hospitality Committee. Refreshments were served.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Waite, goes south on Tuesday, March 14, for a visit of several weeks, for his health. The Rev. James Bixby of Yonkers will supply the pulpit during his absence.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The season of 1904-05 will end with April 30. It has been an exceedingly busy time for the association employees, and a larger amount of work has been done this year than ever before by volunteer workers. In various departments at least 75 men have been engaged in many lines of volunteer work. The opera house meetings will close with the last Sunday of March. On this occasion a meeting of special interest to workingmen has been planned for, which will be addressed by Professor James W. Croke of Amherst college on the subject, 'Does the Workingman Have a Fair Chance?' Professor Croke is the assistant professor of economics at Amherst college. During April the meetings will be held Sunday afternoons for men in the association building, when Prof. Charles C. Stearns will give a series of Four Optimistic Talks. The topics will be as follows: April 2, "The Good in a Man"; April 9, "Moral Growth"; April 16, "The Mustard Seed Faith"; April 23, "Peter." The four meetings held each week in four of the factories at the north end have attracted much attention this winter. Nearly 200 men a week in three of the factories have listened regularly to brief talks on the life of Christ. In the Underwood Paper Mill every Friday noon have listened to short addresses by representative men of Hartford. On March 10, Hon. William F. Henney, mayor of Hartford, addressed nearly

700 employees at this factory. On Monday, March 27, the association building will be at the disposal of the men of this factory for a reception and social evening.

The Hillyer institute evening classes will close this month with the annual international examinations. Plans for a spring term are being considered.

The boys' department is much alive and good work has been done during the past month in the gymnasium classes. The Sunday meeting for older boys has had an average attendance of 85, and the attendance at the Bible Study club on Friday evenings has averaged 40. The boys are very busy just now rehearsing for a big minstrel entertainment which they are to give in Unity hall, March 31. They are also planning for an athletic carnival to be given in the gymnasium early in April.

The public observance of the 27th anniversary of the association will be held in Parsons' theater Sunday night, May 14. It is expected that Bishop Vincent of the Methodist church, the founder of Chautauqua, will be the speaker.

The bi-ennial state convention of the Connecticut Young Men's Christian Associations meets at Meriden March 23-26. Some of the strongest men in the country have been secured to address this convention. Hartford citizens generally are cordially invited to attend any of its sessions. Programs will be sent to any one requesting the same, or they can be secured at the association building.

The fourth season of star entertainments will close with a concert by the Whitney Brothers' Male Quartet Wednesday evening, April 5, in Foot Guard hall. This course has been the most successful ever given by the association.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The Sunday evening services for the friends in the neighborhood have been an interesting feature of the chapel work during the winter. Rev. Rockwell H. Potter has preached at this meeting once each month, since the opening of this series in September.

Professor M. W. Jacobus addressed the teachers at their meeting February 21, on the Gospel of John.

The teachers of the Center church Sunday-school will unite with the Warburton teachers for a meeting at the Chapel March 21. Professor Lewis B. Paton will give a report of the 1904 World's Sunday-school Convention, held at Jerusalem, at this union meeting.

Willie Goodale is slowly improving at the Hartford hospital. Willie bruised his knee last December while skating and the simple injury developed into a serious abscess.

The exhibition given by the gymnasium classes, Friday, March 3, was an interesting event and well attended. The Center church Sunday-school orchestra furnished the music, which

added much to the entertainment. Messrs. W. P. Calder, B. H. Spencer, G. W. King and Jacob Naef, some of the instructors, gave some special work on the bars and horse, which was roundly applauded, while all the class work was well executed.

A new carpet has been placed on the pulpit platform as a step in preparation for Easter. This carpet, like the one which it replaced, came to the Chapel as a contribution from the choir.

Mr. S. P. Davis will give a lecture in the Chapel on Wednesday evening, April 5, describing his recent visit to some of the art galleries of Europe. This address will be illustrated with many fine views which will be shown by Mr. J. Coolidge Hills, Hartford's veteran expert in stereopticon work.

VILLAGE STREET MISSION.

The annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held on Saturday evening, March 11, preceded by a teachers' supper. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mr. Burton P. Twichell; assistant superintendent, Mr. D. Henry Brown; lady assistant superintendent, Mrs. Casey; secretary, Mr. Morris Clark; treasurer, Mr. David L. Hondlow; superintendent primary department, Miss C. E. Bartlett; pianist, Miss Susan L. Twichell; assistant pianist, Miss Emma Thompson; assistants in primary department, Miss Marguerite Colton, Miss Florence Griswold, Miss Mary DeCarlo; historian, Mr. Robert S. Hull.

The reports showed a decided gain during the past year in the average attendance, the offerings for benevolence and in the teaching force.

The work of the building has been greatly facilitated by the opening of the "David Hawley Room" for a reading room, and a meeting place for some of the boys' clubs. This pleasant room, on the first floor, has been handsomely furnished by Mrs. DeWitt, a daughter of Mr. David Hawley, the first city missionary of Hartford, as a memorial to him. His granddaughter, Mrs. F. C. Pratt, has added a beautiful clock to the furnishings, and the room is being used to great advantage as a means of education and refinement, especially to the boys of the neighborhood.

The musical entertainments the first Monday in each month have been well attended by the people of the vicinity and have been greatly enjoyed. March 6, we were favored with readings by Miss Clara M. Coe, vocal solos by Miss Albee and piano solos by Miss Louise Farnham. There were about 160 in attendance.

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The meetings have been well attended and good attention paid. Rev. Mr. Jackson, our superintendent, has given a series of interesting stereopticon lectures, both to adults on Thursday evenings and for children on Friday evenings. These lectures are popular with both the men and children and the room, particularly on children's evenings, is filled with the little ones. The attendance, in fact, at all the meetings, gives evidence of a larger building, both for meetings and for other purposes. Superintendent Jackson has thus early gained the good will of all who come here and that much good will result cannot be doubted.

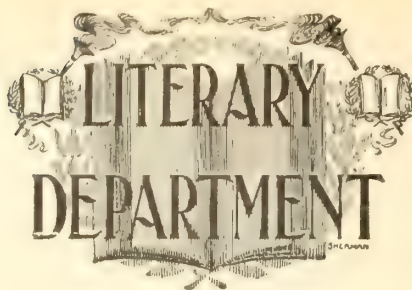
The wood yard is progressing and a new building has been necessarily added, in order that the wood may be kept dry and ready for delivery at any time; also that the business may be increased as our citizens come to understand, as they should, that by purchasing their wood here they help, with no additional expense to themselves, in the work of caring for homeless wanderers and trying to assist those sadly in need of help.

As the spring season is near our friends should remember to send us supplies of clothing, shoes, etc., which are given out to deserving persons and are not sold, and thus the charitable can be sure that such articles as they may send to us will go into good hands and to those in need.

Every department of the institution has been prosperous during the last season and there is no doubt this prosperity will continue and the good done will be greatly increased.

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All service is drudgery if it be not the service of a glad and willing heart. Even our religious service is a burden, and must seem like a mockery, if it be not the spontaneous outflow of the soul toward God.—Rev. D. D. Lowery.



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Important articles of timely interest, and a wealth of fiction are noticeable in "The Century Magazine" for March.

How the Russian Gibraltar was cracked open by the Japanese, before the food supplies were nearly exhausted, is most interestingly explained by Richard Barry, an eye-witness, in "The New Siege Warfare at Port Arthur"; David Bell Macgowan, who will be remembered as the author of a recent article on "The Russian Lourdes," and last month of "The Conflict in Finland," now writes, with knowledge freshly obtained from representative Russians, of "The Outlook for Reform in Russia."

"A Wonder-Worker of Science," by William S. Harwood, is the first of two authoritative articles on the surprising achievements of Luther Burbank, the California producer of the thornless cactus and other plant novelties, which are shown pictorially.

"The Woman's Home Companion" for March contains half a dozen articles of startling interest. In "The Freak Amusements of 'High Society'" the absurdities of the life of some of our very rich people are laid bare. Henry Irving Dodge begins a series of articles on "The Truth About Food Adulteration." Marion Harland returns to fiction, and contributes a serial as full of interest as those books which have made her the most popular woman writer in America. "The Moki Indian Snake-Dance" gives a strange picture of savage America. There are four short stories by well-known writers. The departments are unusually full of matter pertaining to household interest, and especially are they timely in suggestions for gardening and entertainments for the spring.

"Everybody's Magazine" for March comes out with a blow at the Beef Trust, the second installment of their story of "The Greatest Trust in the World." Along the same general line Lawson continues his story of "Frenzied Finance," with more about "Amalgamated." There is a variety in good fiction, as well, while an article called "The Victim of Acquittal," is so exceptional that no one can afford not to read it.

"Recreation," for many years published under the editorship of Mr. G. O. Shields, recently passed into the control of Mr. William E. Annis, who has engaged the veteran artist, author and sportsman, Dan Beard, as its editor. The new "Recreation," the March

number, has just come to hand and, though some of the unpleasant features of the old "Recreation" are happily missing, the space has been well utilized.

In its new form the magazine is greatly improved, being wider in range of subjects, better illustrated and printed, and more interesting than ever before, living up to its purpose more consistently.

The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1905 has come to hand. It is a book always welcomed because it is of constant and continual reference value, containing facts and figures of every-day use and interest which it is hard to find collected elsewhere so generously and with such discrimination and judgment. The Press Publishing Co., Pulitzer Building, New York, sell the book for 25 cents, with 10 cents extra for postage.

The Plum-Tree. By David Graham Phillips. 389 pages, 12mo. Indianapolis. The Bobb-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Phillips is well known as a writer of novels dealing with business, political and society life. In this new story, which has just concluded its serial publication in "Success" magazine, he deals in each phase somewhat, though his story is essentially a political tale.

In it he gives an outline of the rise and fall of a political "boss." This, of course, includes descriptions of "machine" methods, portaits of "machine" workers—and much moralizing, which sounds a bit trite.

The story is enjoyable and dramatic and yet its realistic value is marred somewhat by the reward which comes to the self-confessed scoundrel, for work which deserved no such happiness. But everyone will not agree to this, and as the story is strong and readable otherwise, it should prove popular.

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The Wanderers. By Henry C. Rowland. 392 pages, 12mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author has written several stories dealing with sea-life, the first one, "Sea-Scamps," being decidedly unique in conception and of unusual interest. Its successor was "To Windward,"

Beyond Chance of Change. By Sara Andrew Shafer. 295 pages, 12mo. New York: The Macmillan Co., Price \$1.50.

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The Right Life. By Henry A. Stimson. 256 pages, 12mo. New York:



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Japanese Floral Calendar. By Ernest W. Clement. 57 pages, 8vo. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co.

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the assassination of Alexander II., are Russia," it is essentially more than that—it is a real addition to literature. It is vivid in its depiction of types of Russian character and vividly clear in its portrayal of social and political conditions there.

Events of historical note, such as written of, as though by an eye-witness, for Mr. Cahan possesses a valuable collection of "underground literature" and is in close touch with the leaders of Russian revolutionary movements.

Kobo. By Herbert Strang. 370 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

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The White Terror and the Red. By A. Cahan. 130 pages, 12mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50

This is one of the contemporary novels that may be felt to be distinctly worth reading, for, while it is described as a "Story of Revolutionary

acter, who goes through some thrilling experiences while on various missions. These adventures include his participation in hard-fought battles on land and sea.

Many pictures of modern warfare are produced with vividness, and especially noteworthy is the author's story of the now famous Battle of the Yalu.

Those boys who enjoyed Henty will not fail to like this story, which is illustrated with spirited drawings, which add to the educational value of the book, as well as to its attractiveness.

The Story of the Congo Free State. by Henry Wellington Wack, F. R. G. S. 634 pages, 8vo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$3.50. This may be considered a really re-

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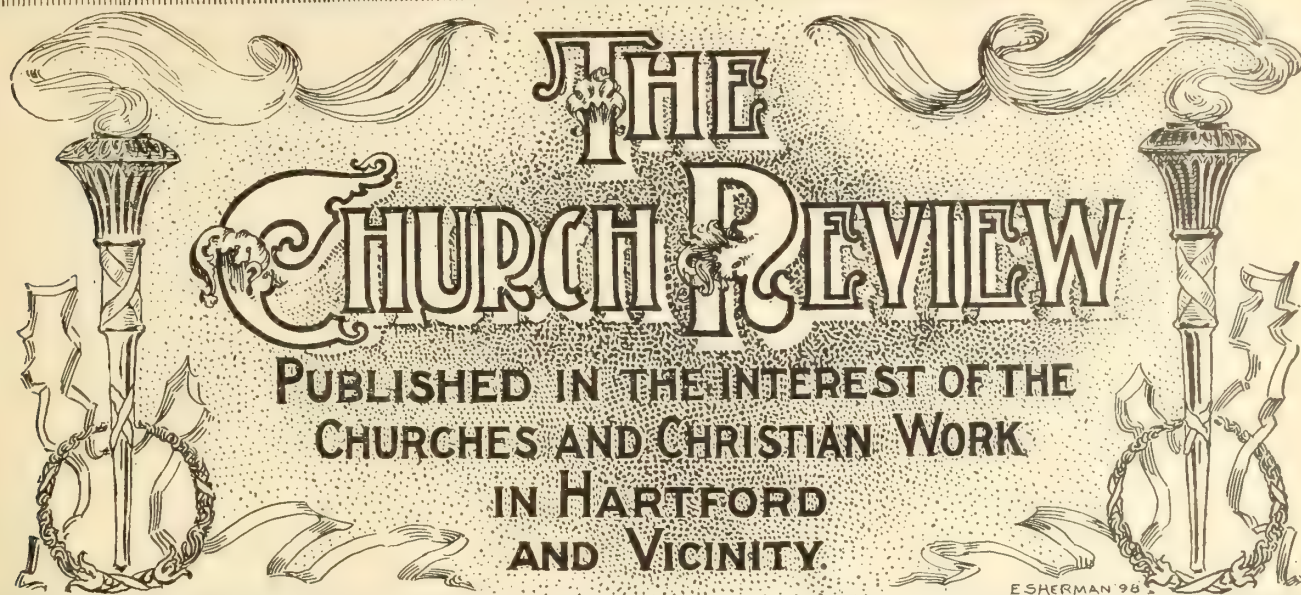
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EASTER THANKSGIVING.

Thank God for the dear ones safe
today,

Safe at home on the happy shore.
Where the smile of the Father beams
for aye,

And the shadow of pain shall fall
no more.

Thank God for the hearts that have
done with sin,

For the eyes that shall never be
blind with tears,

Thank God for the beautiful, entered
in

To the perfect rest of the deathless
years.

Thank God today for the pilgrim feet
Which have trodden the last of the
-toilsome way,

For the strong, for the frail, for the
babes so sweet,

Who have left forever this crumb-
ling clay;

Who have changed earth's trials and
loss and moan

For the victor's palm and the voice
of praise,

Who dwell in the light of the great
white throne,

And join in the songs which the
ransomed raise.

Thank God today for the hope sub-
lime

Which fills our souls in the darkest
hours;

Thank God that the transient cares of
time

Are wreathed in the glory of fade-
less flowers.

Thank God for the rift in the deso-
late grave;

'Tis the soldier's couch, not the
captive's prison;

He hallowed its portals, who died to
save,

And we write o'er its arch: "The
Lord is risen!"

—Margaret E. Sangster.

A RUSSIAN EASTER.

By Fred Myron Colby.

In Russia the Easter season is one
of especial brightness and rejoicing.
Here in America Easter is celebrated
principally as a church feast, but in
the land of the Czar it is a long, gay
holiday, full of merriment and display.
The Russians are very devout, and ob-
serve all the festivals with scrupulous
fidelity. The forty days of Lent are
kept with religious exactness, neither
flesh, eggs, fowl, milk, or butter
being eaten. The theatres are closed
and dancing is forbidden. During
Passion Week no business is done,
and religious services are held con-
tinuously in the churches.

On Easter Eve the houses are all
scrubbed clean, and every Russian
puts on a new suit of clothes, or a part
of a suit at the least. There is un-
common stir everywhere, and the
churches are thronged with people.
There are no seats in a Russian
church, so the worshippers all stand.
A single lamp blazes in each place of
worship. By the light of this the at-
tendant priests begin a mass that con-
tinues slowly until the hour of mid-
night.

The solemnities preparatory to
Easter begin properly on Holy Thurs-
day. On that day the people repair
to the churches with candles which

they light and hold in their hands
while the priests read the sorrowful
story of the Saviour's last days upon
earth. This is peculiarly impressive,
as often the common people take the
duty upon themselves after the
priests have ceased their labors; and
it is no uncommon sight to see an
aged, white-haired laborer reading
with slow, feeble utterance, surround-
ed by groups of little children listen-
ing devoutly with clasped hands.

On Good Friday occurs the cere-
mony called the erection of the taber-
nacle. The tabernacle is a shrine
raised upon a platform and covered
with a black cloth, upon the upper
side of which is a representation of
Christ. The tabernacle remains thus
until Easter Eve, the worshippers
thronging around it, and offering their
devotions continually. The ceremo-
nies of the Greek Church are very for-
mal, and at the Easter time they are
peculiarly long and elaborate.

Boom! boom! boom! chime the
clocks in the steeples at midnight, and
almost instantly there is a transforma-
tion scene. The chandeliers suddenly
become glaring circles of brilliant
light, and every worshipper becomes
a torch-bearer. Peasant and soldier,
prince and merchant, each carries a
taper, which is now lighted, and the
crowd is now enveloped in a strange
and weird splendor. Bells ring out
their peals; the report of heavy ord-
nance shakes the city; and amid
clouds of incense and strains of
sweetest music, the center door of
the shrine, which encloses the holy of
holies in all Russian churches,
springs open, and the bishop or arch-
bishop, in his priestly vestments of

many colored satin and cloth of gold, and with a high, jeweled cap upon his head, steps forward chanting: "Christ is risen!" Each worshiper bows his head reverently to receive the blessings of the holy fathers as they go by.

After the church service comes the blessing of the Easter cakes. These are set in long rows, and each cake bears its lighted taper. The priests sprinkle the cakes with holy water, and the poor people carry them home; the rich people do not seem to think that their food requires this blessing. But there is no recognition of rank in the Easter greetings. Everybody seems to recognize the common brotherhood of men, and the Easter salutation and the Easter kiss is passed indiscriminately from mouth to mouth. "Christ is risen!" exclaims the peasant. "He is risen indeed," replies the great noble, and passes on. Friends kiss each other upon the cheek. Even the Czar himself is not exempt from bestowing these courtesies. In the chapel of the Winter Palace he is kept an hour and a half, saluting with affection the clergy, the council, his guards, and his household. Every face beams with joy, and the watchword, "Christ is risen!" echoes everywhere. The merry peals of the church bells resound through the air, churches and palaces are brilliant with illuminations, rockets light up the skies, and thus the great holiday is ushered in.

One of the Easter customs is the presentation of eggs. These eggs are made of porcelain, glass, wax, sugar, and sometimes of sugar and gold, of all colors, and of any size, from that of a tiny sparrow's egg to those of giant proportions. Some of these Easter eggs are very valuable, and costly jewels are often hidden away in a beautiful golden, egg-shaped case. Whoever presents one of these eggs says, at the same time, "Christ is risen!" receiving the usual response together with a kiss. In St Petersburg alone hundreds of thousands of eggs change hands at this season.

Wrestling and boxing are common. The swing is also a great diversion of the holidays. At the great squares the Russian Punch and Judy draw large crowds. The picturesque groups in the streets, the variety of the costumes of the peasantry, the rich and showy uniforms of the officers, the strangeness of the language, accompanied by the expressive gestures, and all the demonstrations of the entirely novel to a visitor from the Occident.

The lower classes of the Russians have their pictures of the saints,

which they call "gods," which are usually suspended in one corner of their living room. These are painted in bright colors on pieces of board, people, present a picture that is and are ornamented with silver or gold. On Easter Day there is placed in front of these pictures a table on which is set a lamp that is kept continually burning. Whenever the owner or one of his family enters the room, he salutes his "god" by bowing or crossing himself before it. At the end of the holiday season the lamp is removed, but the worship of the images continues.

The Russian festival closes with a mass on the Sunday after Easter. On this occasion each worshiper is given a piece of loaf, with the words, "Christ is risen!" which he keeps as a sacred relic, together with his Palm Sunday branch, on the table of his domestic saint.

—The Church Woman's Magazine.

TRAINING OF FAMINE ORPHANS IN GUJARAT.

By Rev. Albert E. Ayers.

During the great famine in 1900 our missionaries in Gujarat took in more than one thousand famine orphan boys. The greater part of them were sent in by government officials. During the months immediately succeeding the famine many died from the results of diseases brought on by starvation. Others in course of time ran away, and some have been sent out for work. There are now at Nadiad three hundred and forty of these boys, in the care of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Fark, and two hundred and sixty at Baroda, in charge of the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis E. Linzell, two hundred and ten of whom were famine waifs.

As was anticipated by thoughtful people both in America and India, the problems involved in the proper care and training of these lads are many and difficult. The missionaries first took in the orphans because it was humanity's call, and the love of Christ constrained them to do so. God brings good out of evil, and in giving over of these unfortunates to the missionaries He gave them a great opportunity to train laborers for the harvest in this great white field. The boys and girls are getting a thorough Christian training, and are being well grounded in the Scriptures, and are being led into personal experience as they are able to apprehend it. Some of them are devout, and many show real evidence of conversion, while all show a change that would be marked

in any land. So far as we can see, for a long time to come all the boys who are at all fitted for it will find places in our great village work or in our larger schools. But some will not be suitable for either preaching or teaching, and some will later fall out of it, and so, to meet all contingencies that may happen to them, our aim will be to fit nearly every boy for earning a livelihood in other ways than in the two above named.

This training is necessary for the following serious reasons: First, because if boys of this land, who in their own village would have to work constantly, are allowed, in our orphanages, to grow up without proper acquaintance with manual labor, they are very much in danger of developing habits of indolence. These habits will not only make them helpless in earning a living, in some cases, but will render them a disgrace and an actual hindrance to the Mission, as has been found by the sad experience of some missionaries. Second, all these boys will not be adapted for work as preachers, teachers, and clerks, and some of them, to make them independent and self-respecting, must have a thorough knowledge of some good trade, such as will fit them for competition with other workmen in the battle for a living, which in India is probably a more serious problem than in any other country in the world, as the people are so numerous and so poor, and have also to battle against the enervating influence of a hot climate. Third, if we are to have in India some day a self-supporting Church we must have members so fitted for earning money that they will have something to give. The average village Christian can give but little, because, not being an expert tradesman, he earns so little that he can spare but a trifle, compared with the great needs of mission work.

The educational advantages are very good, and are constantly improving. The high school is developing, and the theological seminary proper will be opened as soon as any can be made ready for it. The Mission intends to give every boy a good common school education, and to put into the high school and theological seminary all boys who seem capable of taking such training with advantage. All who are enrolled in industrial work spend half a day in school and half in the workshop.

The three leading lines of work undertaken by the Mission are handloom weaving, carpentering and blacksmithing. In addition to these may be named tin-smithing, tailoring, laundry work, gardening, etc.



SCHOOLROOM SCENE IN NADIAD.

Mr. Park opened his industrial department more than two and one half years ago, and the work has now been so developed as to promise well for the future. About two hundred boys are now learning trades. They do excellent work, and some have been so trained in the handling of machinery that they are able to run oil engines, boys being supplied to two or three places outside of the Mission for this purpose.

The government is disposed to treat our industrial work very generously and is especially interested in the development of hand-loom weaving. It may seem to some that it is unwise to teach such handcraft in this age of the world, but experts in this country are of the opinion that such work will last the full lifetime of this generation in India; and this opinion has had a rather remarkable proof of late, in the fact that the big cotton mills are now languishing, and the village hand-loom weavers have all they can do, and more too. The reason for this is that labor is so very cheap in India that expensive machinery cannot, in the long run, compete with it. So we are very safe in teaching the boys weaving. Our looms are of cheap Indian wood. Besides this, it is a kind of trade which can be taught to a large number of boys at a comparatively low expense. A very large part of our village Christian community is made up of weavers.

In teaching carpentry we also meet one of the first demands upon artisans in this country, as the people will always need houses and furniture. Good blacksmiths are scarce and command good wages; here also we have an opening for our boys.

Drawing teachers are employed both at Nadiad and Baroda, as a knowledge of drawing is very essential to industrial work.

The industrial department at Baroda was opened less than a year ago, owing to the very pressing demands upon the missionary in charge. About sixty boys are at work, about two thirds of them learning weaving. They now make cloth of a quality sufficiently good for their own wear. Many of the others are learning cabinetmaking, as a branch of carpentering.

The fifteen dollars a year now sent by our friends in America for the support of these boys will feed, clothe, and otherwise provide for them, including education up to the high school, but experience proves that it will not pay for high school and industrial training also. Both of these have to be financed outside of the regular income of the orphanage.

—World-Wide Missions.

THE BIBLE AS WRAPPING-PAPER.

The work of sowing the Bible throughout the Turkish Empire from Constantinople to Bagdad, is beset with peculiar difficulties. There is, it seems, a most ridiculous censor-

ship of the Bible. It is a curious illustration of prejudice that the "seditious" word "Macedonia" occurring in the New Testament, should excite suspicion and mistrust at the Sublime Porte!

In Armenia, too—to give this group of Turkish vilayets its common name—the distribution of Bibles is especially difficult. And yet that it is eagerly read by the natives when it falls into their hands, may be gathered from this story, told by one of the Bible-men: A copy of the Word of God was given to a patient in the American Hospital, and by him carried to his home in a village. Here an Armenian priest took it from the man, and having torn it to pieces, threw it into the street. A grocer, seeing it lying there, picked it up and took it to his shop, where he began to use it as wrapping-paper. So for a time olives, cheese, candles, and other things sent forth from his store were wrapped in pages upon which were printed the "Words of Life." In this way one Bible was scattered about through that village, and was read by many whose interest was so far aroused that they began asking for more of the same book. The result was that when the colporteur next came round, over one hundred Bibles or portions of the Bible were sold in that village. —"Sowing the Bible," Everybody's Magazine.

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HAND-LOOM WEAVING AT BARODA.



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During the past weeks the number of those applying for beds and work at the Open Hearth has been very large. Many come to us, as it is known that our accommodations for furnishing a good bed and board cheaply are first-class, and others who are seeking work come for a few days and work in the wood yard to pay for their lodging and meals.

The attendance at the meetings, which are held every evening except Tuesday, is good and Superintendent Jackson's addresses are always listened to with close attention. The illustrated lectures on Saturday evening are very interesting and our superintendent's explanation of the pictures shown on canvas, are eagerly listened to and are a means of enlivening and interesting those who are present.

During the past few weeks the children's meetings have been fully attended and the little ones are now preparing for Easter and practicing carols for that occasion.

Never has there been more interest manifested by those who are lodgers with us than at the present time and the new superintendent has won his way to the respect and love of all. The coming season promises to be one of great activity and holds out evidences of renewed useful work. The number of those applying for lodgings in our annex, paid for by working for a short time in the wood yard, is very large and our citizens should certainly feel that the undertaking of this work is an act which should excite their interest and good will, and should bear their part by ordering their wood of the Open Hearth, and thus furnishing employment to our applicants with no extra cost to themselves.

We trust, also, our friends will not forget that all clothing and shoes, as well as other goods, are distributed

free of cost to the deserving when sent to us.

During the past month a large shed has been erected for storing wood and keeping it dry in the wet weather and with this facility we can furnish dry wood in any weather.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The members of the choir, with invited guests, held a social on Friday evening, March 31. The evening was spent in games and music.

The proceeds of the choir fair, held in December, have been used to furnish a new carpet and rugs for the pulpit platform.

Miss Lillian C. Koch, a member of our Sunday-school, who is spending the year at the Ossining School, has been with us for the past two Sundays, enjoying the spring vacation.

Miss Adolphine Vanoverstreten, a former pupil at Warburton, is a member of the senior class at the Willimantic Normal School, and will graduate this spring.

The teachers entertained the mothers with a supper at the mothers' meeting March 30.

The mothers of the kindergarten children met with the teachers and children on Friday, April 7.

Mr. Potter preached at the Chapel on the evening of April 2, at which service he baptized Herbert Perkins, the infant son of Herbert and Edith Shirley.

Mr. Solon P. Davis gave an illustrated lecture in the Chapel on Monday evening, April 10. Mr. J. Coolidge Hills managed the stereopticon. Mr. Davis described his visit to Europe in 1904, his subject being "Italy, Old and New." Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan and other places of interest were visited. Many pictures were shown of famous paintings, sculpture, buildings, parks and cathedrals. A large audience attended this lecture which will probably be the last of the series which has been given during the past winter.

Thirty years ago Dr. Timothy Richard (Baptist Missionary society, England) first entered the city of Chingchau-Fu, in Shantung, China. He was cursed and jeered as a "red-haired devil" by the people of the town, and with the greatest difficulty secured a place to stay, because his arrival was felt to place the whole city in jeopardy. In July of this year he went up from Shanghai to visit the same city. The city authorities showed him every attention; several mandarins met him to do him honor on his arrival, while the common people spoke of him as "the venerable prince." Some fifty educated Chinese officials were willing to sit in conference with him and leading Chinese Christians for three days to discuss what will best secure the prosperity of China, and to listen to stirring addresses championing Jesus Christ as the leader China needs to follow. The series of meetings as well as the character of the audience attending them was remarkable.



CARPENTRY AT NADIAD.



CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

At the Communion service on April 2, eight persons were received into the church upon confession of faith and nine by letter.

On April 9, the minister exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, of the First Church of Christ in Springfield.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 14, Mrs. J. Gilbert Calhoun, president of the Y. W. Home Missionary Club, entertained the members at her home on Farmington avenue. Mrs. Washington Choate, president of the Home Missionary Association of Connecticut, was present and gave an address.

On the evening of Friday, April 14, the Mission Circle, assisted by Miss Clara M. Klinger and Mr. Malcolm Davis, gave an entertainment, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," in the lecture room. A good number attended and the evening was enjoyed by all.

During the coming year the music of the church will continue under the direction of Mr. Nathan H. Allen, organist. The quintet will consist of Miss Mary Lewis Haley, soprano; Mrs. Florence Crosby Cooke, contralto; Charles Edward Prior, Jr., tenor; Mr. Charles L. Tolles, baritone; and Mr. Herbert S. Bullard, bass. They will usually be assisted by Miss Clara B. Deming, Miss Alice Elliott and Miss Minnie J. Gilbert, sopranos; Miss Mary C. Wright and Miss Grace Gilmore, contraltos; and Mr. H. W. Asbrand and Mr. George A. Tuttle, tenors.

A class for substitute teachers has been planned to be conducted by the minister. All who are willing to assist when needed as teachers in the Sunday-school, are invited to join this class, at the hour of the Sunday-school session.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school holds weekly teachers meetings at 7 p.m., on Thursday evening. Mr. Beadle holds the devotional service and Miss Cone, of the School of Religious Pedagogy, leads in the study of the "what and how" of the lesson. The attendance

is excellent and the influence is exceedingly helpful.

Mr. Beadle has installed a printing press and the older boys print the calendar for the Sunday-school.

Mrs. Deland's lecture, on April 1, was a decided success. The Mission Circle is to be congratulated.

March 31, the C. E. Society gave a social—The Girls High School Mandolin Club, and Miss Coe, entertained and there were games.

President Brooks of the Hartford C. E. Union was present on March 26. We would acknowledge our appreciation in regard to his efforts for the meeting at the South Baptist church on Wednesday evening, April 5. It was a rare pleasure to be present.

On Thursday evening, April 13, Rev. Edward Anderson of Quincy, Mass., delivers an address on "Labrador and the Work of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell."

April 14, at 3 p. m., Miss Caroline Bartlett addresses a joint meeting of the Ladies Sewing Society and the Mission Circle. Tea is served at 5 o'clock.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

March 26, a praise service was held in the evening. Several of Fanny Crosby's hymns were sung. Rev. Mr. Macy gave a talk on her life.

April 2, Mr. George B. Smith of New Britain gave a talk on "India," from personal observation.

The C. E. Society gave a very successful entertainment on the evening of April 11. Miss Wetherall gave recitations. The Magic Mirror was the chief feature. The program was varied and much enjoyed. About \$15 was added to the treasury.

The teachers' monthly meeting was held with the Misses Belden on April 11. Miss Agnes Belden explained the lesson for April 9.

April 9, at 7:30, occurred the unveiling of Rev. Joab Brace's picture, which has recently been purchased. Deacon Welles presented the picture on behalf of the committee and Rev. Mr. Macy accepted it. Mr. Macy read a portion of the funeral sermon given by Rev. Mr. Todd and songs sung by Rev. Mr. Brace's congregation were used. Several manuscript copies of sermons were on exhibition. It is hoped that more pictures of former pastors may be hung on the walls of the chapel in the near future.

The Ladies' Society gave an entertainment and supper on Wednesday evening, April 12. The Family Album was presented by Mrs. Wilcox of Wethersfield, assisted by local talent.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday evening, April 2, the pulpit of this church was occupied by Rev. Edward Hawes, who spoke on "Ye are My Witnesses".

Sunday evening, April 9, Rev. P. C. Walcott, of the Asylum Hill Congregational church, spoke on "The Vision of Christianity."

Beginning Monday evening, April 10, a series of special services will be held, each evening, except Saturday, continuing until Thursday, April 19. The pastor will be assisted by Misses Allen, Billings, Edwards and Hughes, of the Bible Normal College, and a ladies quartet from the same institution will sing at the services, which begin at 7.30. These meetings promise to be occasions of deep interest, both to Christians and to those who have not yet confessed Christ.

Thursday evening, April 20, there will be the celebration of the Lord's Supper and reception of members.

There will be a sunrise prayer-meeting Easter morning, at 6.30; the regular Easter service at 10.30; and a special Easter service of song, by choir and Sunday-school, at 5 p.m.

The King's Daughters, never weary in well-doing, have purchased a generous number of copies of song-books to be used in the special services.

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

The pastor, Dr. Geo. M. Stone, during the past month, took a short rest at Atlantic City, Dr. Genung occupying the pulpit in his absence.

The interest of the church at present centers around the children. Our Sunday-school evangelist, Mr. Maxfield, addressed them at the session of the school April 2, and again at the afternoon meeting of the Junior Endeavor. Much interest was manifest, many of the children expressing a desire to live Christian lives. On Thursday evening following, an unusual interest was shown by the presence and testimony and prayers of their parents, proving the truth of the text "A little child shall lead them".

UNITY CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Waite and his daughter returned from a trip to Florida and Washington, D. C., on Sunday, March 26. Mr. Waite will not resume preaching 'till Easter Sunday, and Rev. Mr. Bixby will supply the pulpit 'till then.

The annual meeting of the society was held Monday evening, April 3. The officers and committees were all

lected. Three trustees were elected to fill vacancies, C. H. Field, C. D. Francis and J. L. Baker. Preceding the meeting a supper was furnished by the ladies of the Charitable Society. At the business meeting a report for the year was read by the secretary of that society, who reported that \$50 had been given to the church and \$25 to the Sunday-school.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

There was a musical and literary entertainment given in the church, March 14, by Hartford and home talent, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

On April 26, "A Japanese Wedding" will be given by the Glenwood Circle of the King's Daughters, of the Glenwood Congregational church.

Death has claimed one of our members, Mrs. John Francis, on April 2. She was a regular and devoted attendant upon the prayer meetings and one who will be greatly missed in the little circle.

Mrs. Morton is just recovering from a very severe illness.

The pastor, Rev. James B. Connell, by his devoted and untiring efforts, has greatly helped and strengthened the church.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Miss May B. Lord has been conducting meetings at the church during the past month on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Miss Flora V. Stebbins of Massachusetts, a Home Department specialist, spoke to the Sunday-school teachers and officers on Tuesday evening, April 4.

The Home Department is being vigorously pushed. The school intends to increase this department from 75 to 500, and judging from results already shown, it will be quite easy to do so.

The average attendance in the Sunday-school is still increasing. The average attendance during Jan., Feb., and March was 436, as compared with 299 for the same period last year.

The music will be of special importance on Easter Sunday. Two choirs of fifty voices each will sing. Mr. Kelsey will speak at the morning service and Mr. Knapp in the evening.

The Herald will appear on Easter Sunday. It will give an account of the growth in church and school during the past six months.

The Cradle Roll in the Sunday-school is increasing. It is the aim of the school to have every member

of every family, which is connected with the church and school, to be identified with the school in some manner, either on the Cradle Roll, in the main school, or in the Home Department.

Mr. Woodruff, the new associate superintendent, takes charge of the school every other Sunday, when Mr. Knapp is in New York.

ST JAMES' CHURCH.

Our "Little-church-around-the-corner" has got a more descriptive name, it is "the working men's church".

Their families nearly fill it twice on Sunday mornings; once at morning prayer and again at Sunday-school.

The Missionary Society will hold a fair April 26 and 27.

The Penny-a-day Society will give an Apron and Necktie Sociable on May 5.

The Girls' Friendly Society give a play in May.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Sunday, April 9, being Conference Sunday, Rev. Joseph Hollingshead preached both morning and evening.

The Epworth Circle held a sale of fancy articles and home-made cookery in the chapel Wednesday evening, April 5. The stormy weather interfered with the attendance, but a very pleasant time is reported by those who were present.

Richard R. Latimer, a former member of this church, died at Gale's Ferry, March 28. He was a member for many years, a trustee and Sunday-school superintendent, and is sincerely mourned by many who knew and loved him.

The business meetings of the Epworth League have been held, of late, at the homes of the members and have proved very enjoyable, bringing out a large attendance and making the members better acquainted with each other.

The Epworth League, as a body, surprised the Rev. and Mrs. Macmillan, Monday evening, March 27, and presented to Mr. Macmillan a handsome umbrella, as a token of appreciation of his kindly interest and help to the League during his pastorate. A very pleasant evening was spent, with games and music.

On Sunday, April 2, the Sunday-school presented another token of appreciation and love to Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan, a handsome picture. Resolutions of love and esteem were also passed, signed by the officers and teachers.

NORTH METHODIST.

Owing to the absence of Rev. Mr. Howell at Conference, the pulpit was supplied on April 9, by the Rev. Mr. Sinclair of the Theological Seminary. In the evening he gave an exceedingly interesting talk on the open air evangelistic work in Philadelphia, in which he has been a helper for several summers.

Miss Elsie J. Dresser, our organist for a number of years, has left us to accept a position as organist at the Church of the Redeemer. On March 25, at a church social, she was presented with a necklace of amethysts and pearls.

March 29, was our Sunday-school missionary Sunday and Miss Caroline Bartlett told us of the work being done in the Village street Mission.

At the young people's prayer meeting, on March 29, Mr. Ohol, a native of Bombay, India, gave a talk on the life and customs of India. He was dressed in native costume.

Miss Mary A. Danforth, a returned missionary from Japan, will address the prayer meeting on April 13.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH.

The public funeral of Walter Beech Sherwood, who was drowned in the Connecticut river while canoeing, was held in the church Wednesday afternoon, April 5.

Mr. Sherwood was a senior at Trinity College, and his sudden death was a shock to all.

Full academic honors were paid to his memory by the faculty and students of Trinity. President F. S. Luther, Rev. J. J. McCook and Rev. Cranston Brenton, of the faculty, and Rev. Henry Macbeth, rector of St Thomas' church conducted the service. The bearers, honorary escort, and ushers, were all Trinity men, and they wore their gowns, which made the occasion very impressive. Mr. Sherwood was a communicant of St Thomas' church and a former officer of the Sunday-school.

The children of the Sunday-school are looking forward to the Easter festival, which will be held in the church Easter afternoon at 4:30.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the church was held Friday evening, March 31. After the transaction of business, the meeting was adjourned to the next Thursday. At this time there was the usual roll-call of members, and reports from all departments of the

church work. There was a large attendance.

Several cottage prayer-meetings have been held at the homes of different members.

On Sunday, April 9, our Bible school showed an attendance of 222.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

During the past month Mr. Jacks, of the Y. M. C. A., gave us a helpful talk on "The Beatitudes".

The attendance at Sunday-school, on April 2, was 176.

Easter Sunday will be observed by exercises during the Sunday-school session, at 3 p.m.

Rev. C. Telford Erickson spoke for us April 9, and Mr. Lester L. Potter, April 2.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

Professor Irving F. Wood, Ph. D., of Smith College, gave two very interesting lectures on Thursday evenings, March 30 and April 6.

The third of a series of union meetings was held at the Congregational Parish House on Sunday evening, April 9. The subject of the meeting was "Jesus and Simon, or the Depths of Forgiveness."

On account of the absence of our pastor, who was attending Conference in Waterbury, no preaching service was held on Sunday morning, April 9. A session of the Sunday-school was held at 12:15 as usual.

Mrs. A. C. Perkins and Mrs. James Bevan spent Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, at Conference.

On Wednesday evening, April 5, a very interesting and unique social was held at the church. The whole affair was a mystery from beginning to end.

Several people from our church attended service in Hartford on Sunday morning, April 9.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper and sale, March 31, which netted over a hundred dollars, fifty dollars of which was given to the church.

The Bible Class and the Mission Study Class gave a banquet in honor of Mr. Goodsell, their leader. The room was decorated in blue and yellow, these colors being the colors of the University of California, of which Mr. Goodsell is a graduate. Mr. Clement Brigham was toastmaster and several from both classes responded. There were about forty-five present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The second service Sunday, April 9, was in charge of the Men's Current Topic Club and the hour was changed from 4:30 to 7:30. Mr. W. H. Corbin and President Luther of Trinity College spoke, the subject being "Why Men Do Not Go to Church." There was a good audience and the service was interesting.

Next Sunday evening the topic will be, "Why Men Do Go to Church," the speakers being Mr. Daniel Howe, Thomas S. Weaver and possibly Mayor Henney.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Wednesday evening, March 29, an old-fashioned supper, followed by an entertainment and social, was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. A large number attended.

Wednesday evening, April 5, the Hartford C. E. Union held a meeting in this church. A good-sized audience listened to an address by Rev. G. H. Ferris of New Haven, and music by the Park Congregational church quartet.

The pastor is preaching a series of Sunday evening gospel sermons on every-day happenings in Hartford. The following is the list:

1. The Daily Papers.
2. The Hartford Baptist Union Banquet.
3. The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.
4. Looking Through the Jeweler's Window.
5. Swillson's Whiskey.
6. Sunday Baseball.
7. Stop! That's the Wrong Way.
8. Wages.
9. People Who Don't Care.
10. Building a House.
11. People Who Are Asleep.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. Henry C. Cadwell has resigned his position as secretary of the Sunday-school and as yet no one has been found to take his place.

Another of our families is about to move from town. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilcox will, after this month, reside in Hartford. Mrs. Wilcox will be much missed in the choir.

Our organist, Mrs. M. J. Bradley, has not been able to attend to her duties since Christmas. In the meantime, Miss Helen Olmstead, a fine musician, but with no previous experience with a pipe organ, has filled the place most acceptably.

One of the older church members, Mr. John H. Dunning, died very suddenly Tuesday morning, April 4. He

had complained a little before retiring Monday evening, but at 10 o'clock said he felt very comfortable and would be all right in the morning. At 4 o'clock, Mrs. Dunning went to his room, but he had apparently passed away in sleep. The funeral was at his late residence Thursday afternoon, April 6. As Mr. Dunning was a member of Hiram Lodge of Masons, his brother Masons took charge at the grave.

Easter will be duly observed by the Sunday-school, though the weather and sickness have much interfered with the necessary rehearsals. The program has not yet been completed, but will consist of singing, recitations, responsive readings and exercises, the regular time of the Sunday-school session being devoted to it. Owing to Mrs. Bradley's illness, the music in the church Easter Sunday will not be at all elaborate.

The May Communion will be the seventy-first anniversary of the reception into this church of Mrs. Calvin Briggs. As Mrs. Briggs' health will not permit her to leave the house, the communion will be administered at her home, May 7.

The birthday anniversary of Fanny Crosby was observed March 26 by the Sunday-school with appropriate exercises. Many of her hymns were sung and short sketches of the interesting events in her life given by different members of the school.

A most excellent concert was given Friday evening, April 14, at the church. It was arranged by Miss Carrie M. Jenkins of Collinsville and was for the benefit of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The last words of General Lew Wallace were, "I am ready to meet my Maker."

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CONCERNING THE AMERICAN BOARD.

It seems to us exceedingly unfor-
tunate that the turmoil, which of late
has been stirred up around the ears
of the American Board should ever
have arisen. Not very long ago, it
will be recalled, a criticism was ad-
vanced against that body that its funds
were not properly administered, to
which criticism, reply was made that
a very small proportion of the income
was expended for necessary office ex-
penses, while a larger proportion than
in almost any other organization was
spent for the specific purposes for
which the board was established. But
though the criticism received its reply,
there yet existed and still exists in
many minds the feeling of suspicion—
unwarranted, it is true, but none the
less active for all that—toward any
movement which is or has been under
fire. The recent controversy can have
naturally had little influence toward
allaying that feeling.

The trouble is that in the foregoing
controversy, as in every dispute which
grows heated, there have arisen a
whole host of imaginary issues—re-
sults of which there might be a possi-
bility if certain conditions existed,
but such conditions do not exist. Every
man is entitled to his own opinion
within the chambers of his own mind.
But it is a very deplorable thing that
freedom of speech should interfere
with the conclusions of a body of men
such as constitute the American
Board, especially when those men
have showed themselves in the con-
duct of the affairs both religious and
secular, men who are trustworthy.
There are many knotty questions of
ethics to be decided by men whose ac-
tions are in the public eye, but it is a
shame that those men cannot be suf-
fered to settle such questions, to the
best of their knowledge and ability,
who have been chosen for the express
purpose of settling them, without
having the charity and equity of their
judgment impeded by raising issues
which are not at all at stake.

If Mr. Rockefeller has acquired his
wealth in unethical ways, and if the
refusal of his offer to the American
Board will raise the standard of ethics
of would-be millionaires, then the re-
fusal of this gift can be justified in
the light of that rule which the Master
gave the world as a principle of judg-
ment, "The tree is known by its
fruits." But looking forward with
what understanding we have of prob-
abilities, we scarcely feel that any
other result will be attained except to
warn such aspirants for wealth that
there are certain directions in which
it would not be policy to turn the
overflow. On the other hand, it seems
not a mercenary but a legitimate in-
terpretation of the words "The earth
is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"
to regard this and any similar con-
tingencies as but the return to the
work of God of a working force which
belongs to Him.

The element in any given action
which characterizes it more than any-
thing else is the motive from which it
is done. But there must be no confu-
sion between the motive of giving
and the motive of acceptance. The
first may be unworthy and the second
legitimate. Apropos of which it is
interesting and possibly significant to
observe in passing that we are not
informed by the writer of the Book of
Acts that the Apostles felt impelled
to return the money which had been
laid at their feet by Ananias and Sap-
phira, nor have we ever heard that the
probable acceptance of that money
ever involved the disciples in the se-
rious criticism of being mercenary.

CHICAGO'S GREAT UNDERTAK- ING.

For the moment all eyes are direct-
ed to Chicago, where an election has
been held of more than local impor-
tance, for it is felt that it will sooner or
later affect other large cities and have
its influence in national affairs. An
experiment of momentous importance
will be attempted and in wrenching
the trolley roads from corporations
and assuming city ownership many
grave and delicate questions and diffi-
culties will have to be solved. Judge
Dunne, the Democratic mayor-elect,
is a lawyer and is doubtless not ig-
norant of the difficulties with which
he will have to cope and his success
or failure will no doubt have a great
effect upon the progress of socialism
throughout this country and through-
out the world. City and even nation-
al ownership of railroads is not new in
foreign countries, but it has never
been attempted on so large a scale
in America as it will now be essayed
in Chicago. A grave question arises.
Will Chicago, in the operation of the
roads, maintain the open shop or will
it permit union members alone to man
the shops, cars and offices, as is now
the case? An effort to establish an
open shop will doubtless be bitterly
opposed by the trades organizations.
Nevertheless, the city cannot, under
the law and recent court decisions,
legally discriminate between men who
belong to the trades unions and those
who are independent of the unions.

RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR RE- LIEF WORK.

Touching appeals from Christian
workers in the Far East have come
to prominent citizens of the United
States, imploring aid for the sick and
wounded soldiers of both armies and
the multitude of destitute widows and
orphans of soldiers killed in the war.

Rev. Y. Honda, principal of the
Aoyama Theological School at Tokio,
Japan, in a recent letter says: "How
long this distressing condition of
things will last we cannot say. The
people are doing their best and every
charitable agency is taxed to the ut-
most, but so numerous have the im-
poverished families become that our
means of immediate relief are utterly
inadequate. Could some general fund
be raised for this noble purpose, and
missionaries on the ground be fur-
nished with the means of distributing
and alleviating the distress of these
families it would indeed be a precious
gift, and I assure you never be forgot-
ten."

We may not help belligerents, but

we may help the suffering and distressed. The Red Cross of Pity is neutral in every clime, and the claims of helpless children are a challenge to Christian love and beneficence the world over.

In response to the moving appeals thus coming from Christian workers in Japan, the Japanese Relief fund has been organized to obtain the help needed, and all funds contributed will be distributed through the Evangelical Alliance of Japan, under the oversight of Bishop Harris, who is now in that country.

The executive committee composed of Hon. Seth Low, Bishop Greer, Bishop Harris, Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., W. R. Huntington, D. D., Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, George H. Southard, Dr. Wm. Elliott Griffis, and B. F. Buck, secretary, request contributions, large or small, be sent to the Franklin Trust company, treasurer, No. 140 Broadway, New York city.

TWO NEW METHODIST PASTORS.

Welcome to the new pastors of two of our Methodist churches.

Rev. Dr. Elmer F. Dent occupied the pulpit of the South Park Methodist church for the first time on Sunday morning, April 16. He was recently assigned to that church at the Waterbury conference. Dr. Dent has been pastor of the Sixty-first Street Methodist church in New York city, and his old charge made efforts to have him sent back, but Dr. Dent preferred to come here.

Dr. Dent's sermon was appropriate to Palm Sunday. He took his text from John xii:13, (Much people) took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him and cried: 'Hosanna, blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.'

On the same date, Rev. John E. Zeiter began his pastorate at St. Paul's Methodist church. His former pastorate was at Waterbury and he was assigned to St. Paul's church at the Waterbury conference. Mr. Zeiter's first sermon here was from the 12th chapter of Hebrews, verse 3: "For consider him that endureth such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be weary and faint in your minds."

The Hartford Baptist Union has prospered exceedingly in the past few years, under the presidency of Mr. Charles Edward Prior. This fact was evidenced by the large number, about 600, who were present at the annual

banquet of the Union at Foot Guard hall, Wednesday evening, April 12.

The principal speakers of the evening were Rev. Dr. C. H. Spalding of Boston, whose address was on "The Call of the Hour," and Rev. E. F. Merriam, editor of "The Watchman," who spoke on "Hark! 'Tis the Watchman's Cry." The music was excellent and the social features thoroughly enjoyable.

The Salvation Army Industrial home on Spruce street is doing quite a helpful work for the poor and deserves encouragement. It solicits the waste material of homes, which it calls for, works over into condition for further service and distributes where it is much needed. In overhauling the closets and storerooms this spring set aside what you have no further use for and send a postal to the Home to call for it.

In the death of Professor George William Pease of the Hartford School of Pedagogy, the cause of religious education loses one of its leaders. He was only forty-two years old.

During the last thirty-two years Anthony Comstock has made 2,789 arrests and destroyed ninety-one tons of obscenities.

A Church Missionary Society missionary tells this: A Japanese colonel caught by the Russians inside of their lines was condemned to be shot as a spy. He took a roll of bank bills from his pocket and asked that they might be given to the Russian Red Cross society. "I have long been a Christian," he explained, "but this is my first chance to do a definitely Christian act."

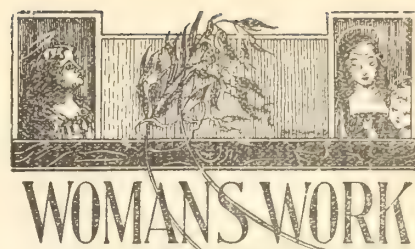
AS WINGS TO THE BIRD, SO IS FAITH TO THE SOUL.

The bird has its wings,
Lighteth it ever so low—
Let the reed bend and blow,
The bird has its wings;
Exulting it springs,
It mounts up and sings—
Ah, the bird has its wings!

The soul has its faith,
Sinketh it ever so low—
Let the old supports go,
The soul has its faith;
It catches new breath,
It soars beyond death—
Ah, the soul has its faith!

Anna J. Granniss.

Plainville, Conn.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

On March 28 was held the regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Alta S. Cressey presided, in the absence of Mrs. Forbes. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Bacon read a most excellent paper pertaining to woman's work.

On Wednesday, April 12, the annual County Convention will be held in G. A. R. Hall.

The morning meeting will open with a praise service at 9:30, led by Mrs. H. L. Bunce of New Britain. The rollcall and usual opening business will be followed by the appointment of committees. Reports will be made from the various unions and after further business Mrs. C. B. Forbes of this city will read a paper on "Outlook in Other Fields." Mrs. J. B. Smith of Berlin will lead a memorial service and a season of prayer will close the session.

In the afternoon the gathering will be called to order again at 1.15 o'clock, and reports will be made by the unions, by the Young Women's Christian Temperance unions and Loyal Temperance Legions, and by superintendents. Mrs. L. A. Cummings of Plainville will make the treasurer's report. A violin duet by Miss Cummings and Miss Lewis, with Miss Bunce as accompanist, will be followed by the report of the secretary, Mrs. H. K. Lee of this city. Mrs. C. B. Buel of East Hampton, the state president, will deliver the president's annual address and after election of officers, superintendents, Loyal Legion delegate to state convention and delegate to national convention, Arthur W. Upson of New Britain will speak on "W. C. T. U. Work from a Lawyer's Point of View."

CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the committee on the care and visitation of children was held at the office April 5, when reports were given concerning children placed in family homes.

Eight children have recently been placed in families, and these were as-

signed to the care of various members of the committee. There are now two little girls, each five years old, who are in need of good homes; they are desirable children, and the Society would be glad to find good homes for them. Miss Griswold, the secretary, will give further details to any families interested to take them. Letters have just been received from two families who have recently taken children, stating their desire to adopt them.

The children at the Home at Newington are eagerly enjoying the coming of spring, and their interest in the flower gardens increases every day. Each child will have a plot of ground, and seeds of all kinds will be gratefully received from friends who are interested to make the children happy.

The Louise Circle of King's Daughters has given a Morris chair to the Home, in addition to the bedding recently contributed for the maintenance of the bed provided by this circle four years ago. The Sunday-school of the North Methodist church has decided to provide a bed, mattress, and all the furnishings for the same, for one of the dormitories in the girl's house at the Home. These are much appreciated. Another very acceptable gift was \$14.64 from Mrs. Walter C. Atwood's class, of Plainville.

The managers have secured a set of fine photographs of the Home, both exterior and interior views, and they will be placed in the collector's hands for their use, as so many express a desire to see the Home and the children.

The Sunshine Society has added slightly to its membership in the past month, and its friends have not forgotten to make contributions of various things for distribution in the Sunshine work. Various articles of clothing, books, Easter cards and magazines have been received.

THE SHELTER.

About thirty women have been aided in the Home during the past month and a number of children have also been cared for. Those who have long been acquainted with the Shelter note with interest the constant growth of this work and the increasing demand upon the matrons in relieving distress and giving aid to the unfortunate. Hardly a week passes without the appearance of some woman whose extreme need calls for sympathy.

Recently a German girl, just arriving in this country, was found at the

railroad station, penniless, and having lost her way. She was sent to the Shelter, where the matrons cared for her until occupation was found. That she appreciated the kindness shown her was proved by her desire to pay for her board from the first money that she earned.

Another incident of romantic interest, occurred a few weeks ago and has already been mentioned in the daily press. One Saturday afternoon an officer at the railroad station found an Italian woman, who, with other emigrants, had just reached Hartford by the New York boat. This woman, with tickets and directions pinned to her shawl, and Ellington as her destination, reached the station after the last train had left. Her misery was increased by the failure of her husband, who had left Italy several years ago, to meet her. Officer Steele, who is always seeking to help the unfortunate, came to the rescue and called up the Shelter. The woman, who could not speak a word of English, no doubt thought her lot well-nigh hopeless and on reaching the Shelter burst into tears. She could not tell her story to the matrons and they could only express their sympathy by smiles and gestures. The next afternoon two Italian men and a woman appeared on the scene, one of the men, with anxiety stamped upon his face, eagerly inquired if a woman had been received the day before. He made known, through his companion who could speak a little English, that he had expected his wife from Italy, had come to Hartford to meet her, but that he had been unable to find her. On inquiring at the police station he learned that a woman had found refuge at the Shelter and he had come with haste to learn if the wife, from whom he had been so long separated and for whom he had been searching, was indeed safe and sound and only a few steps away. They were invited in and the woman, who was upstairs, was sent for. Those who witnessed the meeting experienced sensations that only comethrough deep sympathy with others. Not knowing why she had been sent for, the woman little dreamed the glad surprise that awaited her. On approaching the door she caught sight of the waiting man. Throwing up her hands and uttering a cry of delight, she bounded toward him and he rushed to meet her. They embraced, they laughed, they cried, she sat on his knee; while both kept up a continuous stream of talk that no doubt meant much to each other but was utterly incomprehensible to those who stood by. After profuse and emphatic expressions of gratitude to the

matrons, the man led forth his long-lost treasure and departed for their Ellington home.

In Boston, where women vote on school questions, there is a seat for every child and full time instruction.

In New York city, where women cannot vote on school affairs, there are 89,000 children on half time instruction.

In Wyoming, where women have been voting for over thirty years, there are fewer illiterate children than in any State in the Union.

The Winsor Magazine has a wicked story about a country vicar, who was endeavoring to teach his Band of Hope to sing a certain melody. At length he cried, "Now, children, try again 'Little Drops of Water,' and do, pray, put a little spirit in it."

Lady: "Very healthy place, is it? Have you any idea what the death-rate is here?"

Caretaker: "Well, mum, I can't 'zactly say, but it's about one apiece all round."—Punch.

MR. CLEVELAND'S MUSICAL CRITICISM.

Once during his second term, says the "San Francisco Argonaut," Grover Cleveland was asked to speak in a certain town, and when he arrived at the depot, the wind was blowing a gale, sleet was driving, and hailstones nearly as large as marbles were fiercely falling.

Of course, the inevitable brass band was there, and at the sight of the President the performers struck up with all the vigor at their command.

"That is the most realistic music I ever heard," remarked Cleveland.

"What are they trying to play?" asked Secretary Olney, who accompanied him.

"Hail to the chief?" replied the President with a cheerful smile.

THE OAKLAND NURSERIES.

Beautiful Crimson Rambler roses, at twenty-five cents per plant, is the special offer of The Oakland Nurseries, of Manchester, Conn., on page 4, of this number. If ordered at once, these will bloom freely this summer. A large line of other popular roses is also offered. The Oakland Nurseries in addition to their special line of roses, also carry a full stock of hardy plants, shrubs, fruit and ornamental trees, etc.

Law and Punishment.

Now, man can make a law and attach to it a penalty, and then when the law has been violated he can waive the penalty.—Rev. P. S. Henson, Baptist, Boston.

The Bridge of Life.

Religion is the bridge between the finite and the infinite sides of life. Unity characterizes God's work.—Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, Presbyterian, Princeton, N. J.

Spiritual Mediocrity.

There is in many a church a general air of indifference or good natured complacency. Spiritual mediocrity seems to be the thing aimed at and attained. There is no passionate desire to rise.—Rev. C. E. Jefferson, Baptist, New York City.

Victory Over Temptation.

Temptation is not sin. Temptation is outward solicitation striking hands with internal desire. The will, the judgment of the heart, decides whether temptation shall become sin. If the will casts temptation out victory is gained.—Rev. C. L. Laws, Congregationalist, Baltimore.

Inspiration in Lowliness.

There is inspiration in the lowliest life. You are seated as the potter at the wheel, and the rude clay of common affairs, molded by your hands, by and by, when the process is done and the furnace fire has been passed, shall stand in the gallery of God "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."—Rev. Dr. Henry C. McCook, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

Power of Concentration.

What is it that enables a man to lay hold of his opportunities that they become incidents of success? It is not due to any exceptional gift of genius. It lies simply in the power to concentrate his energies on one thing at a time. It is this girding of the will to do well each new duty that comes that makes a man ready for every new opportunity.—Rev. D. S. Mackey, Disciple, New York.

Rich Use of Time.

Man should make a constant and supreme effort to use rightly every moment that God gives him. The psalmist says, "Teach us to number our days"—that is, take account of them that we may not be ashamed when we look back from afar. The saddest experience that can come to one is the burning consciousness of past days ill spent.—Rev. L. E. Todd, Methodist, St. Louis.

Pardon For the Most Sinful.

It matters not if your life has been sinful. You will receive the pardon of God if you sincerely repent and resolve to lead a better life. Rise in your manhood, earnestly acknowledge your shortcomings, and you will be saved. If you do this you will get the blessings of God in this life and the smile of heaven at the supreme moment, when you will stand on the border line between this world and the next.—Rev. E. W. Hunter, Catholic, New Orleans.

HE COULDN'T HELP BEING GOOD.

A well-known preacher, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, recently spoke at a religious service in jail. He noticed that one of the convicts seemed extraordinarily impressed. After the service he sought him out and continued the good work by saying,

"My dear sir, I hope you will profit by my remarks just now and become a new man.

"Indeed I will," was the reply. "In fact, I promise you that I will never commit another crime, but will lead an exemplary life to my dying day."

"Good," said the dominie, "but are you sure that you will be able to keep the promise?"

"Oh, yes," was the cheerful reply of the convict, "I'm in jail for life."

Two old farmers met in the road. "Where yeou been, Sile?" asked the one in yellow boots.

"Been shooting the rapids," drawled the other.

"Canoeing?"

"No; shooting at those pesky racing automobiles that run over my chickens."—Baltimore Herald.

"Well, well!" he exclaimed as he tackled her first pot-pie, "where did you get this?"

"I made that out of Mrs. Shouter's cook-book," replied the young wife. "It's a——"

"Ah!" he broke in, "this leathery part is the binding, I suppose,"—Philadelphia Press.

Weary Wraggles: "Hey! You won't git nothin' decent in dere. Dem people is vegetarians."

Hungry Hank: "Is dat right?"

Weary Wraggles: "Yeh, an' dey got a dog w'at ain't."—Philadelphia Press.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The annual missionary day was observed Sunday, March 26, when Rev. Dr. Davis of New Britain, preached a sermon appropriate for the occasion.

The regular quarterly Communion was celebrated on Sunday, April 2, when three members were added to the church roll,—one on profession of faith and two by letter.

On Thursday evening, April 6, the annual meeting of the congregation was held, when reports were received from the various societies in connection with the church. A. D. Mackinnan and Thomas G. Fleming were elected delegates to the council of the Federation of Churches, and Jas. Finlay and Thomas R. Mullan, whose term as deacons had expired, were re-elected for three years.

On Sunday evening, April 9, Mr. Knapp of the seminary gave an address on his recent trip to the Holy Land, with especial reference to the village of Shechem, where his party pitched their tents over Sunday, just one year ago. His description of their experiences and the customs of the people was very interesting and instructive.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the Young Peoples' Association was held March 20. New officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Arthur P. Babbitt; vice-president, John Sweet, Jr.; lady vice-president, Miss Edith M. Howard; secretary, Fred Steele; ass't. secretary, Miss Mary Gladding; treas. John J. Merriman; auditors, Albert H. Crosby and E. Lewis Upton.

Mrs. Lindsley recently presented the Sunday-school library with a dozen interesting books for young people. Such gifts are very welcome and practical.

Our Italian missionary, Rev. Antonio Rocco, has been quite ill for the past month or five weeks. His many friends hope to see him at his work in the afternoon, with recovered good health.

The result of the Rummage Sale given by the ladies of our church, \$15.00 has been added to the special fund for a new carpet for our church.

The last meeting of the season for the Men's Meetings was held Sunday, April 9. The season has been a most successful one.

"Ye Greate Synging Meetynge," given by our Young Peoples' Association on March 14, was a notable success.

Special evangelistic services were conducted by the pastor and Rev. E. E. Davidson from April 2 to 9. Mr. Davidson has been a successful evangelist for 28 years. The meetings were very successful, the attendance being large.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The Juniors held a very enjoyable social in connection with the opening of their mite boxes, March 28, in the afternoon. There were 45 present, some of whom were visitors, all of whom enjoyed a pleasing entertainment. The amount raised will be sent for foreign missions.

Rev. Frank H. Divine preached for the pastor on March 19. The attendance was good and the services were enjoyed by all.

Sunday, March 26, the hymns of Miss Fannie Crosby were sung in the Sunday-school and at the evening service, in honor of the gifted writer of so many favorite hymns.

The attendance at Sunday-school and the Y. P. S. C. E. meetings seem to have increased noticeably of late, a situation which is pleasing and encouraging.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL,
EAST HARTFORD.

The pastors of three nearby churches, Rev. C. H. Barber, Rev. Mr. Jaquith and Rev. Mr. Tuthill have been uniting in a series of weekly meetings, at their respective churches. The meetings have been of more than usual interest and have been well attended.

The Sunday evening preaching services have had large audiences, of whom a considerable number were not regular attendants.

The first of April, the return from quartette to chorus choir was made, Mr. D. S. Kelsey being the director.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We have just had the pleasant privilege of an illustrated lecture, or sermon, on "The Christ Among Men," by the Rev. Mr. Buffum of Russell, Mass. Stereopticon views of copies of famous paintings were shown and the sermon itself was uplifting and commanded attention far beyond what is usual in an illustrated subject. We could enjoy it again.

Sunday evening, April 9, it was ours to grant the courtesy of the freedom of our church to a company of Millennial Dawn people for the service of baptism. They thoughtfully

left us a quantity of Easter lilies and carnations for our sick members, which was a very graceful emphasis to their thanks for the use of the church.

Sunday, April 16, we expect Rev. G. L. Teeple, the father of our pastor, to occupy the pulpit if his health permits.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CON-
GREGATIONAL.

The last bi-weekly supper of the season was followed by a very interesting entertainment, consisting of the "Reveries of a Bachelor" and "That Blessed Baby," the latter being especially well given, the parts being taken by Miss Helen Baker and Edward J. Pearson.

The Chinese Sunday-school still holds its sessions at 4 o'clock in City Mission hall, Pearl street.

The Endeavor society has been gradually growing in numbers and interest and members of the Junior League often visit our meetings.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Tuesday afternoon course of Lenten talks will be given by different clergymen at the 5 o'clock service.

The confirmation classes will meet in the church on each Sunday morning at 12.30, and on Friday nights at 7.30.

The Bishop of the Diocese will visit this church Easter Day, April 23, at the 10.45 service, to confirm the candidates now under instruction.

The Girls' Friendly Society are to have a Rubber Party April 24, and ask everyone to donate anything in the way of old rubbers, such as rubbers, rubber tires, water-bags, etc.

Mrs. John B. Winsdor, long a faithful and devoted member of our parish, died in Bridgeport on Wednesday morning, April 5. Mrs. Winsdor had lived with her son Mr. George Winsdor ever since she left Hartford. Full of years and after a long illness she has gone to her rest and her good works do follow her.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEP-
HERD.

The Rt. Rev. Albion W. Knight, Bishop of Cuba, gave a missionary address at the Sunday afternoon service, April 9.

He gave an interesting account of his work on the island of Cuba. The Bishop is in need of funds to build a church at Havana. The work among the children is being carried on with special attention and care.

The April meeting of the Men's League will be held on Wednesday, April 26. The Rev. Chas. W. McCormick, of the First M. E. Church, will give an address on "Robert Louis Stevenson." A social hour will follow the address.

Quite a goodly number of our church members have attended the united services at Christ church, on Thursday evenings, thus far this Lent. The services have been helpful to all who have attended.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Mission Study Class meeting on Wednesday evenings, after teachers' meeting, has been well attended and a lively interest shown in the study of China. An exhibition of Chinese curios has also been a feature.

Confirmation class meets on Tuesday evening, in preparation for the visitation of Bishop Brewster, on Easter Sunday evening.

Rev. J. H. Jackson, of the Open Hearth, recently gave a lecture before the Sunday-school members and friends on "Ben Hur," which was illustrated by stereopticon.

Bishop Knight of Cuba addressed the congregation Sunday evening, April 9, on the work of the Church in his jurisdiction, which was listened to with great interest.

On the morning of the same day, the congregation had the pleasure of listening to a sermon by the Rev. Charles Miel of Sacramento, Cal., a brother of our rector.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The "N" club of the church gave an entertainment Monday evening, April 9, in the shape of a "ladies' night." Miss Gertrude Warner gave readings with excellent expression and effect. Samuel J. Leventhal gave a Hungarian dance and a Spanish dance and also a "pastel" and a solo on the violin. Miss Gertrude C. Laidlaw sang two solos. Mrs. Frank C. Nichols gave a contralto solo. Mrs. H. S. Witter and Mrs. Nichols rendered a duet.

Rev. C. Telford Ericsson gave an interesting talk on the "N" club, explaining its purposes as the men's club of the church. The attendance was large and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Organist Robert H. Prutting arranged the musical part of the entertainment.

Under Mr. Prutting's direction the cantata "The Prodigal Son" will be produced in the church shortly after Easter.

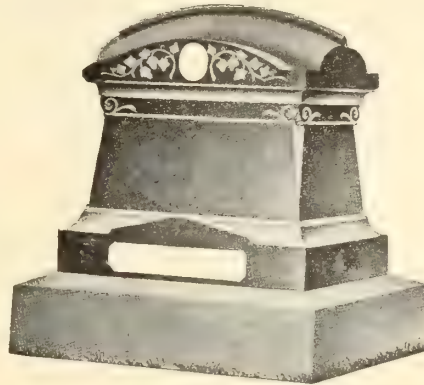
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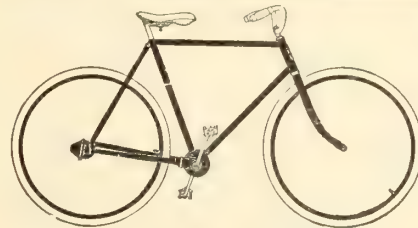
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

During this month the efforts of the Association are largely directed toward raising in new subscriptions the sum of \$8,500. This amount is needed to clear up all claims against the Association, and if it is raised, will put the organization in good financial condition. At this date \$5,500 has been subscribed. It is earnestly hoped that the entire amount can be secured before the 30th of April. Since January 1, 1901, the mortgage of \$24,000 and a floating debt of some \$6,000 has been paid off. During the last three years it has been necessary to expend on repairs and improvements to the building, the amount of \$7,000. This expenditure has increased the rent income over \$400 a year and has reduced the expense for water, as the artesian well which was put in two years ago, supplies the swimming tank with pure well water in abundance and saves \$150 a year for water. A portion of this \$8,500 is for three years premiums on the insurance on the building, which will save the Association in the three years over \$500. This \$8,500 is not needed to pay off any indebtedness that has occurred through deficits in the running expenses, but is entirely for the improvements and care of the property.

The 27th anniversary of the Association will be observed with a public mass-meeting in Parson's Theatre Sunday evening, May 14. A business men's banquet will be held at the Association building on Wednesday, May 9. Prominent Association workers and others will be present at these gatherings. All departments of the Association work are going forward in the usual busy way.

The government of the province of Shantung, China, has commissioned a scholarly mandarin, who is descended from Confucius, to write a book on Christianity, explaining what it is and what it is good for.

HARTFORD Christian Endeavor Union

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

[Editorial Note.—Hartford Union Endeavorers will regret to know that, owing to severe illness, President Brooks is unable to contribute his regular monthly letter. His early and complete recovery is earnestly hoped for by his many friends.]

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

April, 1905.

2. The making of a Christian: his food. 2 Tim. 3:14-17; John 6:47-58.
9. What does Christ's life show us about the Father? John 14:6-24.
16. Glorifying God in our recreations. 1 Cor. 10:31; Ps. 16:5-11.
23. "The power of His resurrection." Rom. 6:3-13; Phil. 3:10.
(Easter Topic.)
30. Prayer for missions, at home and abroad. 1 Tim. 2:1-8.

May, 1905.

7. The making of a Christian: his exercise. Jas. 1:22-27.
14. Spirit-filled Christians. Acts 2:1-4, 41-47.
21. Growing up for God. Eph. 4:11-16.
28. Missions in Roman Catholic countries. Ps. 67:1-7.

ON TO BALTIMORE.

In four months the hosts of Christian Endeavor—representing some five millions of young men and women enrolled in the ranks of the Endeavor movement "For Christ and the Church," will be gathered in Baltimore on the occasion of the twenty-second International Christian Endeavor Convention. July 5 to 10 are the days of the convention, and as the time draws near, the preparations which the committee of 1905 and Baltimore Endeavorers generally have been for months earnestly engaged in making, are assuming a very definite shape. Dr. Clark in several speeches made recently, has sounded the keynote of this convention: "The Best Yet," and the enthusiasm inspired in Baltimore seems to be spreading throughout the United States and

Canada, to say nothing of other countries of the world.

The Endeavorers in the island of Cebu, Philippine Islands, have increased from the few left by Rev. Leonard P. Davidson when he died there, to hundreds. The society in the city of Cebu in connection with the Presbyterian mission numbers thirty-one. These Endeavorers endure great persecution. They are stoned while holding their open-air meetings and in their private devotions by assailants incited by the priests and protected by the police. A new church has been built by the Endeavorers at Campestelo, numbering sixty members, and the Endeavorers at Cebu are now attempting to build. Servant boys who earn from five to eight dollars a month, are paying a tenth or even an eighth of their wages to the church. One feeble old woman who was turned out of doors by her wealthy Catholic relatives earns her living by ironing for Americans, living in a miserable shack, giving half her earnings toward building a church. The meetings at Campestelo are sometimes held in the home of a former insurgent general, who is an active Endeavorer.

Dr. Margaret H. Norris, the physician in charge of the Sarah Seward hospital at Allahabad in India, furnishes beautiful evidence of the gratitude of the natives among whom she and many other American women are working in a medical way. The two letters subjoined are genuine and from the husbands of women who had been patients of Dr. Norris:

No. 1.—Cured.

"Dear Sir:—My wife has returned from your hospital cured. Provided males are allowed at your bungalow, I would like to do you the honor of presenting myself there this afternoon, but I will not try to repay you; vengeance belongeth unto God.

"Y'rs noticeably,

No. 2.—Dead.

"Dear and Fair Madame: I have much pleasure to inform you that my dearly unfortunate wife will be no longer under your kind treatment, she having left this world for the other on the night of the 27th ultimo. For your help in this matter I shall ever remain grateful. Y'rs reverently,

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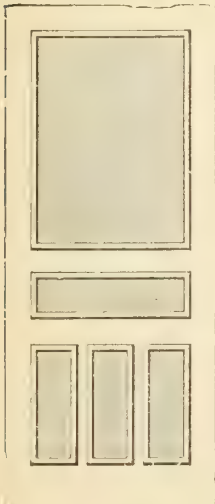
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The Century Magazine for April contains the second and concluding article on the remarkable work of Luther Burbank, in creating new forms of plant life. These two articles are exceptional ones and are full of interest for every one. The illustrations for the article are noteworthy.

Anita Newcomb McGee, M. D., writes about "The American Nurses in Japan," and General Manager Melville E. Stone tells about the "Work of the Associated Press." A number of short stories are included, as well as installments of the two serials by Kate Douglas Wiggin and Alice Hegan Rice. Especially fine are the colored drawings illustrating Richard

Whiteing's story of the "Famous French Chateaux."

McClure's Magazine for April should be of special interest to our readers, partly because of the fine article called "Leaves from the Log of the 'Lend-A-Hand,'" written by Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the young English graduate of Oxford, who for the love of God, practices medicine along the sparsely settled coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. There should be strong interest in the story of "New Jersey: A Traitor State," by Lincoln Steffens, and in the information that political corruption in Connecticut is soon to be discussed by the same writer.

The stories are up to average, as is the miscellaneous matter, but surely it is the serious side of this magazine's contents that is giving it enviable and unique reputation.

James Bryce, George Kennan, Edith Rickert, Garrett P. Serviss and J. Horace McFarland are among the contributors to the Outlook's illustrated magazine number for April. Notable illustrations are those from pho-

tographs by Mr. James Ricalton of the siege of Port Arthur, accompanying Mr. Kennan's "Story of Port Arthur"; those picturing the marvels of photography in astronomy, as described by Mr. Serviss; the charming pictures of spring buds and blossoms with Mr. McFarland's "The Awakening of the Trees"; the fine architectural illustration of Mr. Maurice B. Bischoe's "Church Architecture," one of three informative papers on this topic; and the reproductions of the best work of "A Historian in Bronze"—Mr. James E. Kelley.

The April number of Pearson's Magazine contains nine special articles, besides eight short stories, the leading article being a profusely illustrated one, "The Church of the Holy Sepulcher." "Fighting Fog by Electricity" is an account of the latest world-famous invention, which bids fair almost to revolutionize travel by sea. "Vaccinating the Ground" tells of the wonderful innovation by which the United States agricultural bureau expects to lessen the need for artificial fertilizers.

Gunter's Magazine for May, with its bright sylvan cover design and piquant, entertaining stories, is a particularly pleasant literary stimulant during these languid spring days.

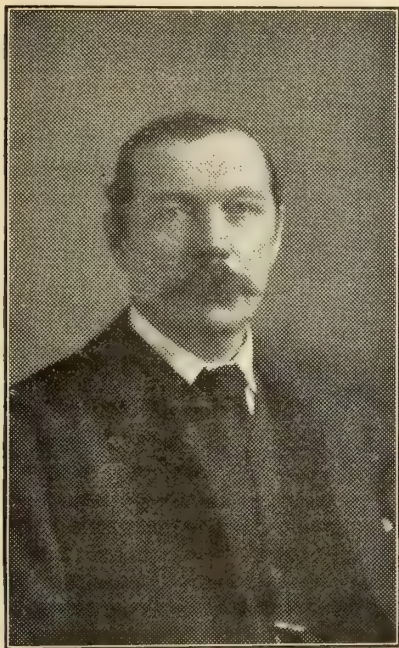
The frontispiece, a strong military drawing by Herbert Dunton, depicts the crisis of the opening story, "The Fight for the Water." This narrative of a New Mexico campaign during the Civil war, by Hobarth Austin, is told in the characteristic fashion of the pioneer author, naive and without rhetoric, but always straight to the point.

The House of Fulfillment. By George Madden Martin. 379 pages, 12mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a love story of an unusual kind as regards its telling and its motive. It seems to propound a question and thereafter develops most naturally an answer to the problem.

The problem referred to is why people marry for such considerations as wealth, ambition, position, pride and vanity, and why they anticipate happiness in unions based upon such sordid foundations. That they seldom find what they so seek is obvious in life. This story, then, is a depiction of incidents of real life.

The author will be remembered as the creator of "Emmy Lou." Her heroine in this new story is as lovable and as winsome as was "Emmy Lou," and as natural and human. She is



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one who finds happiness in a true, well-founded love,—the happiness which the author calls "The House of Fulfillment."

The Overlord. By Allan McIvor. 423 pages, 12mo. New York: William Ritchie. Price \$1.50.

"The Bride of Glendearg" by this writer was very well received by critics and the general reading public, upon its issuance, some time since. Donald Glendearg was the hero of this earlier story, as he is of the present one.

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One is inclined to feel that the author's real purpose is to present a picture of a phase of Canadian life not generally familiar, the life of what the author calls "the peons of Canada." Certainly his implications are surprising.

Poverty. By Robert Hunter. 382 pages, 12mo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price \$1.50.

A more noteworthy book seldom comes to a reviewer's attention, nor one more difficult to epitomize. A sub-title describes it as "a definition of poverty and an estimate of its extent

at the present time," and in the preface, the author, who is a well known social reformer and settlement worker, tells us that he purposes to write only of conditions with which he is familiar.

In its definition the author is clear and enlightening and proves his knowledge of causes and extent to be clear and comprehensive.

The chapter on "Poverty," "The Pauper," "The Child," and "The Immigrant" are vivid, but reveal such tremendous wrongs that it is pitiable if no inspiration shall come to lighten the path for these victims of circumstances, which often are remediable, as the author shows.

Practical advice is suggested throughout the book and in a masterly conclusion reiterated.

The Return of Sherlock Holmes. By A. Conan Doyle. 381 pages, 12mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.50.

The advent of "Sherlock Holmes" as a character in fiction was a notable event in dramatic literature. This suave, self-confident, yet gentlemanly and reserved amateur detective, whose pertinacity and keen method of scientific deduction always enabled him to solve ultimately the most puzzling mystery is an admirable character.

The creator of "Sherlock Holmes," Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, whose portrait, through the courtesy of the publishers, we are enabled to reproduce on this page, eventually tried to end the career of "Holmes." There is an element of humor in the result—a result which certainly implied an extraordinary compliment. The reading public literally demanded the resuscitation of the detective, and the author responded with "The Return of Sherlock Holmes." Thirteen new episodes were written and are here published, with the final assertion that there will be no more.

In this new series there is a noticeable improvement in literary quality. The stories are more finished, the logic more conclusive, the mysteries more complicated and the solutions more remarkable.

It is very evident that the author, himself, will take more pride in this series than in its predecessor. Such stories as "The Adventure of the Norwood Builder," "The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist," "The Adventure of the Three Students," and the last one in the volume, "The Adventure of the Second Stain," are of intense interest and recount exploits more amazing and blood-stirring than any this wizard has before been involved in.

Eudymion. By Benjamin Disraeli. 578 pages, 12mo. New York: The Cambridge Society. Price \$1.75.

The Cambridge Society has issued a new very timely edition of Lord Beaconsfield's novels, and in doing so, has apparently endeavored to make it notable as to binding, illustration and typography.

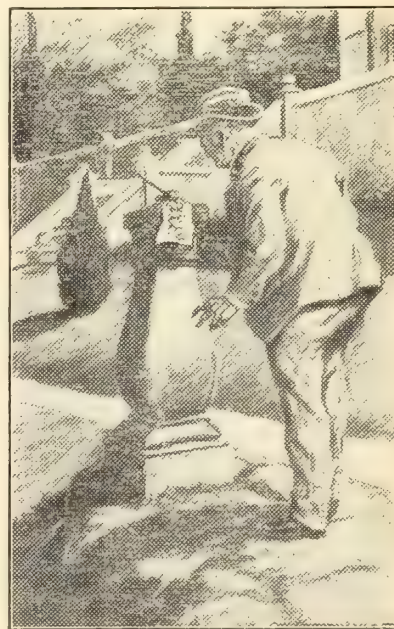
The volume at hand was the last completed literary work by the great author-statesman and is essentially an autobiography of his own remarkable career, from the days of his obscurity as a lawyer's clerk to the Premiership of England.

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The illustrations are especially noteworthy and artistic.

The Story of Columbus and Magellan. By Thomas B. Lawler. 151 pages, 12mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 40 cents.

While designed for use as a supplementary reader in grammar schools, primarily, the concise form and unusual construction of this work gives it a value for general use and interest.



"Three days later a message was left under a pebble upon the sundial."—[Reduced illustration from "The Return of Sherlock Holmes."]

The story begins with a short chapter on the Portuguese explorers, which serves to introduce the subject of the voyages and explorations of Columbus. Then, following a similar plan, an account of the discovery of Porto Rico, the finding of the Pacific, and the conquest of Mexico, leads up to the story of Magellan's voyage and the settlement of the Philippine Islands.

The Twentieth Century New Testament. By Twenty Scholars. 523 pages, 12mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price \$1.00.

Some years ago a score of men, who, we are told, represented leading universities and denominations, came together in consultation as to the

here some of the music and rhythm of the St. James version, but gains often a clearer conception of real meanings.

Tor, a Street Boy of Jerusalem. By Florence Morse Kingsley. 190 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altamus Company.

Probably most of the readers are familiar with Mrs. Kingsley's work through "Paul, a Herald of the Cross," "Stephen, a Soldier of the Cross" and "The Cross Triumphant."

"Tor" is a new character and the reader's interest in the poor street-boy is assured from the reading of the first chapter of this story. "Tor" will be found a most natural, life-like and lovable little fellow and the story, in

from the "Hio," are characteristic and especially noteworthy.

"Raspberrying in Danvis," "A September Election" and "At Highfield Poor House" are full of delightful humor and some unaffected pathos.

"McIntosh of Vergennes" is in another vein; a semi-historical narrative of a phase of life in the early days of the Vermont settlements.

The stories all represent a versatile writer's careful, artistic work—not trivial in any paragraph, and yet full of humor, naturalness and wise optimism.

Cabbages and Kings. By O. Henry. 344 pages, 12mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author seems to have gathered short stories which he has published, separately, in different magazines, and rewritten them, with some revisions and additions, as a single novel. The ridiculous conduct of some of the little Central-American governments is depicted with some exaggeration, but with more of lively humor.

It is not likely that those who have read the stories as magazine contributions, will find again the same charm of novelty that characterized them when first read, but even these will enjoy the book, and the uninitiated will find it a treat unalloyed.

There is a serious side to the story, as well as a humorous one, and the reader's interest in the native maiden, the American banker's daughter, "Henry Horse-Collar," and the speculative president, is likely to be continuous.

Moths and Butterflies. By Mary C. Dickerson. 344 pages, 8vo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price \$1.25.

Intended as a work which may be a good starting point owing to the universal distribution of these insects—for the study of natural history, this book serves its purpose admirably.

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Criticisms, merely repeating the "let-well-enough-alone" aphorism, are not always sound ones. One misses

which he is the prominent figure, will be heartily enjoyed throughout—for it is undoubtedly a really exceptional book of its kind.

Out of Bondage. By Rowland E. Robinson. 334 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.25.

Mr. Robinson's writings have been noticed before in these pages. The author is a loyal New Englander and most of his work seems to deal with this part of the country.

Of the short stories in the volume at hand, some of which have appeared in such publications as "The Atlantic Monthly," "Forest and Stream," and "McClure's Magazine," "An Old-Time March Meeting" and "A Letter

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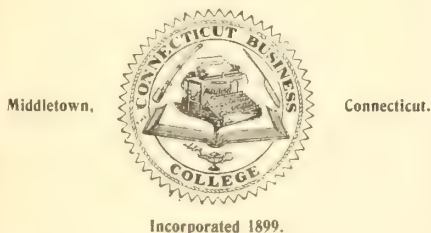
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By Mary E. Knowlton.

Next year, we say, may chance to do
This thing that seems so dear, so true;
Or, some day we shall surely see
That fairest spot where we would be;
Or else we fear to lose some grace
Of health or wealth or lofty place.

Yet, when I plan, there comes to me,
Behind the gloom, beyond the glee,
What is not hope, and is not fear,
But certitude most strong and dear
That there is waiting down life's ways,
Somewhere amidst the years or days,

A white-winged moment sweet and
still

That shall not ask me what I will,
Lest I mistake; but I shall know
That that still moment bids me go,—
That all life's tumult-days are done,
And shadowless new life begun.

—Sunday School Times.

ORDAINING AN ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.

The Ordination Service and the Ad-
dresses in Full by Professors
Pratt and Sleeper.

The ordination of Ralph Lyman Baldwin as "choirmaster of the church" was celebrated at the Fourth Congregational church, on Wednesday evening, February 8, 1905. The services including many interesting

features, but we can only touch on two or three.

The office was formally constituted one of the ministries of the church, and the incumbent was inducted into it by a set form of ordination, after vote of the church membership. This ordination service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Kelsey, and was as follows:

The duties of the office of choirmaster, to which you have been chosen, are by you understood. That the qualifications for this service are both artistic and spiritual, that it is a spiritual ministry, you also appreciate.

In the public worship of God the highest art finds its noblest employ and the artist his truest consecration. To leadership in the worship of praise; to the work of making the use and culture of music efficient as an integral part of the spiritual life of this church, you have been called.

In the acceptance of this office it is fitting that you should give answer to these inquiries:

Do you confess the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the loyal devotion of your life to His service?

Do you look for and depend upon the grace and help of God in your ministry?

Do you accept the office of choirmaster in this church and declare your purpose to be faithful in the performance of its duties and the use of its opportunities as God by His grace shall enable you?

There followed the ordination prayer by the minister. An address

of welcome was then given by Henry Dike Sleeper, Professor of Music at Smith College, Fellow of the American Guild of Organists. Mr. Sleeper was Mr. Baldwin's predecessor as organist of the Fourth church, and is one of the few ordained church musicians of the country.

Mr. Sleeper said in substance:

Fellow organist, fellow worker in the ministry of church music: My friend, it is my happy duty to speak to you a few words of welcome and of congratulation. First of all I congratulate you upon taking this step of ordination. I am sure you will find it helpful to you in many ways, and in no manner a hindrance.

I welcome you to this church, in which it has been my good fortune to have had several terms of service, and of which I am still a member. You will find both the work and the people greatly diversified. With its service of worship, its evangelistic services, its social meetings, its important Sunday-school, its many organizations, this church will afford an opportunity for every kind of work of which you are capable. You will find here an immense amount of enthusiasm and an abundance of ideas. The creed of this church, and of its pastor, might be thus stated: "We believe in salvation through Christ, and in doing something about it." There will be the danger in such an atmosphere of attempting more than can be done well, but whatever is done well will meet with a most hearty welcome.

I congratulate you upon finding your work in the city of Hartford. The musical traditions here, and the

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attitude of the churches, are, on the whole, good. Hartford has felt the influence of such men as Wilson, Buck, Huntington and Mitchell, not to mention other well-known musicians who are still here, and still lives and labors Rev. Dr. E. P. Parker. This is the seat of Hartford Theological Seminary, foremost in the work of church music under the leadership of President Hartranft and Professor Pratt. Hartford is probably unique in its fidelity to its church musicians. One of your fellow-organists has been in his present position 22 years, another 24 years, and still a third nearly 28 years. And in the church in which the latter is still organist, a member of the choir recently ended a term of service of about 25 years, and Dr. Parker has been its pastor for over 40 years.

I congratulate you upon the organ you are to play. It is a wonderfully perfect instrument, both in action and in tone. With its delicate reeds for sympathy, its clear-toned flutes for hope, its full diapasons for faith, you will find it responsive to your every mood, and abundantly adequate for every purpose. But you have a still more wonderful instrument under your control—more responsive, more resourceful. I refer to the choir of this church. You will find its members, from soloist to librarian, competent, enthusiastic and ready to do their utmost without complaint and without friction. You are to be congratulated.

But an instrument far more wonderful than organ or choir is yours to play upon—the heart of this congregation. Hundreds of men and women who are regular worshippers here, hundreds more who are chance visitors to this church, hundreds of children from the teeming districts in this part of the city, will be influenced by your music week by week.

I have never been so impressed by the wonders of the properties of tone as this year in my college work. A tone is sounded, the air vibrates, we hear the tone and determine not only its duration, its loudness and its pitch, but its quality. We say that the tone came from a piano, a violin, a reed stop of the organ, a human voice, and we name even the singer. A chord is sounded and we determine these properties of each tone of the chord and of the chord as a whole. A melody is sung, a hymn or song or anthem is raised in the house of God, and the very thoughts and feelings of the poet, of the composer and of the interpreter speed subtly but surely to the heart, and we are thrilled with

thoughts of praise or moved to tears of sympathy. Music is a divine art. God did not endow nature with such possibilities by chance.

I look back upon former occasions when I have been memorably stirred by sacred music. One was an unaccompanied service in King's College Chapel, England, when that most perfect choir of men and boys sang a beautiful motet of Mendelssohn's. One was a service in Grace church, New York, when the former choir of mixed voices, with S. P. Warren at the organ, thrilled me by its singing of Barnby's "Awake Up My Glory." A third occasion was in Broadway Tabernacle, when a thousand children sang "When He Cometh, When He Cometh to Make Up His Jewels." The fourth was in Northern Maine, where a company of young people sang from memory, for they possessed but one or two hymn books in all, the Gospel song, "Trust On, Trust On, Believer." It was not chiefly the art of composer or singers that moved me in these instances. It was the spirit underlying it all.

My friend, as you play upon the keys of this organ, as you play upon the wills of this choir, as you play upon the hearts of these people, see to it that the spirit is right, and pray that your music may be acceptable to the mind of God.

The next feature was a notable address by Professor Waldo S. Pratt, of the Hartford Theological Seminary, which covers the whole ground of thought and procedure illustrated by this specific occasion so well that we give it in full. Professor Pratt spoke as follows:

It is no longer necessary to begin an address like this with an apology for its subject. While it is true that precisely such formal exercises as these tonight are unusual, let us not forget that the recognition that they imply of the importance and the dignity of the musician's office is by no means wanting in popular thought. Even within our own memories there has been a notable advance, so that in this assembly probably there are many who could testify from their own observation that today, much more than one or two decades ago, the organist, the choir-leader and the choir-singer are respected and honored, both for their purposes and for their achievements. As one evidence of this advance it is only necessary to note the fact that the demand for men and women to take up the work of church music on lines much broader

than our fathers ever conceived is decidedly in excess of the supply of those who are properly prepared to enter it. There is therefore no occasion for surprise or for explanation that we have been summoned hither tonight to participate in the ceremony of putting a solemn seal upon the induction of a musical leader into his official position in this church and in the community that it serves with such earnestness and fidelity.

But before we separate we shall do well to pause for a few moments that we may remind ourselves of what this act and ceremony signify and symbolize. Though all of us may be ready to grant that the office of church musician is clearly of no small value and excellence, we do not always take much thought as to its responsibilities and its significance in detail. In consequence, we do not always get from it all the benefit and uplift it is able to give, nor do we give to it all the support and sympathy it has the right to expect. Like the office of minister, it is an office of public service, and hence it can never be highly effective unless between it and public thought there is a living bond of mutual understanding and cordiality. It is usually true that almost half of what a church musician is, and surely much more than half of what he accomplishes, is determined, not by his own capacity, but by the atmosphere in which he lives. That atmosphere may chill and shrivel him; it may also rouse and thrill him to a career far more intense and noble than he would or could have otherwise achieved. It is only right, then that tonight some words should be spoken about what a choir-master may be and should be as a church official.

I shall make no attempt to say all that might be said on this broad theme. Let me simply emphasize a few points concerning both what the choir-master is called to be and how he should be regarded in his work.

A good musical leader is a great convenience in any church. Church services must have a routine, and whoever helps to make this routine run smoothly is certainly useful. Especially in a large church, the organist and choir-master is mechanically indispensable, attending service after service to a multitude of exacting technical details which, in proportion to their perfection, become to minister and people only a matter of course, rarely counted great or even deserving of gratitude. It is one of the penalties of knowing how to do well certain minor things that need to be done that success is measured by the

degree in which they are invisible and lost in that to which they contribute. Much of a choirmaster's work must be an absolutely self-effacing service, the true record of which is seldom kept on earth. There are times when he feels as if he were nothing more than a mechanical contrivance and convenience. Yet we all know that he is something much more than this.

A good musician in a church is a maker on the organ or through the

church musician will recognize the cardinal truth that in the expression "church music" the emphasis can never be safely taken off the noun "music," however eager he or anyone else may be also to emphasize the adjective "church." It is preposterous to use what is called music for any purpose in defiance of artistic reason and feeling. Organ music or choir music that is not really beautiful in form and execution is at least an anomaly, and

mostly when other sources of entertainment are closed. Perhaps few would soberly defend this view, yet it surely exists. Here again a finer instinct tells us that he is something more and better than this.

By these steps of approach we have drawn closer to the heart of the matter. Church music is more than a mechanical convenience and more than a mere entertainment. It is a particular application of musical art,



choir of effects that are essentially pleasant and lovely. The art of music would never be the power it is in the world if its forms were not inherently beautiful and did not appeal to a profound craving for delight. Church music is not different from any other form of fine music on its technical side, and its artistic charm must be of the same sort as theirs. The good

it may be a nuisance. It is needful, then, that whoever guides in its production shall be in some true sense an artist, and for that reason what he does is bound to give pleasure and delight to all sensitive hearers. So notable is this that some people seem to suppose that a church musician is chiefly a popular entertainer, all the more serviceable because he works

under special conditions, for peculiar purposes, with reference to results that are quite distinct from those in view of the concert hall or the opera house or even the home circle. Without stopping for the fruitless question whether any form of fine art is or is not essentially moral or holy, in itself considered, we need simply to recall the plain fact that all fine art, and

especially musical art takes on unusual values and meanings under certain conditions and for those whose hearts are predisposed to its influence, particularly when united with significant forms of speech. It is certain that the Christian Church would not have cultivated and exalted music as it has for a full fifteen hundred years if it had not believed that in its services, at least, music has potencies that are intensely religious. Even though many who go to church find little in the music beyond a customary piece of luxury or an incitement to momentary delight or exhilaration, it is clear that these are not the reasons why the Church as a whole has claimed music through all these centuries as its most trusted and beloved helper among the arts. The Church wants music and needs music because music can be so applied as to further the Church's work in society and in individual souls. Just what this means in full we need not here take time to say. The general proposition is obvious. And from it follows that the fundamental characteristic of the ideal church musician, as distinct from all other musicians, lies in his vital and constant sympathy with what the institution he serves is seeking to do. This covers much more than tact in accommodating himself to some particular pastor or some particular music committee or even some particular congregation. If the church he happens to serve be a poor illustration of what a church ought to be this does not alter the standard of what a church ought to be or how he ought to serve. He needs to be enlisted in the aims and the operations of the greater Church of which pastors and committees and congregations are but fragments and instances. His allegiance as an official is to the ideal Church and to its divine Head. Whether or not he be what is called a church member is perhaps immaterial. But one who undertakes to serve the Church of Christ in an official capacity cannot be wholly trustworthy or highly efficient unless in his daily life and in all his ruling motives he be actuated by a love for things that are righteous and by that zeal for the world's betterment in the way that Christ marked out that are the salient traits of the Church's activity everywhere and always.

If a church musician have these sentiments and purposes, it will be evident in more ways than one. For example, he will be a sympathetic co-worker with the pastor, both in public worship and elsewhere. He will be eager to share in all the evangelistic, philanthropic and educational work of

the parish. He will be ashamed merely to drop in at stated times as an outsider to work off his musical duties as a heartless task, without interest or co-operation in many other functions in which music plays but a slight part or no part at all. He will thus knit bonds of fellowship between himself and those who are active in all sorts of church work and all this not for reasons of mere expediency, but because he cannot help it. In such ways he will win the confidence and esteem of many who perhaps behold his musical enthusiasms only from afar and are inclined to be more mystified over them than attracted by them. By becoming an integral part of the parish life he will reach more and more a place where he can receive from it the varied suggestions that such life always offers and can impart to it with authority certain benefits that can come from no other source.

If these two conditions are right—inherent nobility of purpose and identification with his church surroundings

the way is open for the choirmaster to work out his musical scheme to advantage. Upon the details of his official work we can here touch only in part, especially as they must vary considerably in different places. Almost always it has three aspects that can be somewhat distinguished, even though they blend into each other. As organist, he is the purveyor of certain forms of purely instrumental music both in formal church services and occasionally otherwise. As choir-leader he is the organizer, trainer and inspirer of his band of singers in their valuable contributions to these services and in other ways. As helper and guide for congregational music, both in the more elaborate services of Sunday and at other times, he affects the temper and quality of every gathering for devotional purposes in a way but lightly esteemed sometimes, yet really of the greatest importance. Let us think for a moment of each of these forms of a church music leader's official work.

The organist, acting by himself, has the privilege by his playing to create an atmosphere of tonal peace and beauty or of joy and aspiration that shall envelop everyone who enters the house of God with a certain arresting and overshadowing force, touching even the callous soul with intimations of higher feelings and ideals the moment the threshold is crossed. A player once told me that the highest compliment he ever had was from a man who was ridiculing the claims of music as a language, and who said that the prelude to the last service he had

attended was to him "nothing more than a kind of veil let down so as to shut out worldly matters." In one sense no higher praise than this could be given. What a shame it is that some organists do not see and use their opportunity thus by the intervention of tone to enforce upon every church attendant the truth that within the church reigns a spirit and a mood wholly different from that of the outside world, one that fastens its eye on the things invisible and eternal! This penetrating influence of the organ may make itself felt again and again as the service advances, especially if the handling of the latter be not too hasty and breathless, and at the close it ought to continue beyond the benediction in a postlude that shall tremble or exult with whatever aspect of emotion has been dominant throughout the preceding moments of reflection, prayer and praise. Few ministers and congregations give the postlude the chance to do its work aright, though its possibilities are by no means small.

The practical duties of a choir-trainer are usually so burdensome that he is likely to forget and allow his singers to forget the higher and finer side of their work. In one sense the labor of drilling a body of singers for church service is not different from that of drilling any other chorus. To be effective this drill must be thorough and constant, taxing patience and attention. But in another sense it has more exalted features that somehow should never be wholly absent from thought. For the choir has always been in history and must always be in some degree a real branch of the ministry. Like the minister, the choir is called to offer praise and prayer in the name of the people, and also to speak to the people after the fashion of a teacher or guide. If you will look over the words of anthems generally, you will rarely find anything that does not plainly come under one or the other of these heads—either words of worship of words of counsel and comfort. Somewhere, then, in all the preparation of what a choir is to sing, there must steal over both leader and singer an earnest sense of what they are about, and this sense should lift all the drudgery and detail into a solemnity and a sublimity that are often quite wanting in other music. I do not believe at all that there should be much talk about this, for it is possible to be merely sentimental about it, and even to fall into a kind of cant over it. But still in some way a choir should be permeated with a serious realization of its true mission, that

of serving for and before the congregation in the spirit of a ministerial leader. Feeling this would help to rule out by common consent selections that are merely pretty or that are showily self-conscious or that recall too much the frivolities of the world outside. Feeling this would lend a new meaning to many a tender and noble passage that the composer plainly wrote from his heart, but which many a singer essays to sing with no heart at all. Feeling this would heighten the emotion at the moment of execution in the service and thus deepen and enrich the intended artistic effect. Happy is the choirmaster who himself is always alert to this finer side of his work, who is able almost unconsciously to imbue his singers with these feelings, and who through them and with them can serve the people as a genuine leader of worship and an inspiring revealer of eternal truth! And happy is the church whose choir thus brings the treasures of musical art, with all their fascination and passion, and uses them Sunday after Sunday to enrich and supplement both the instruction and entreaty of the pulpit and the worship and purposefulness of the pew!

The relation of a musical director to congregational singing is somewhat peculiar. So far as its technical side goes, he has almost unlimited control of it, and the efficient and magnetic handling of it on this side ought always to be counted one of the director's chief accomplishments. Really good tune-playing and tune-leading is by no means as easy as is commonly supposed, and, if we may judge by the results, it is something that otherwise good teachers do not know how to teach. And it is strange how unambitious many otherwise enterprising leaders are about this side of their work, especially when we consider that success in it would do more for their popularity than anything else they could do. But after these things have been said, it remains to add that in the long run the thorough success of congregational singing as a part of public worship lies with the minister, since it depends upon many nice points of selection, adaptation, introduction and unconscious stimulus that are almost wholly out of the organist's control. Before incompetence or downright indifference on the minister's part in this matter the musical leader will be almost helpless. Of course, he can often tactfully prevent some mistakes and repair some damages, and he ought always to be eager to do so. When, however, this branch of the service is given a fair chance

and is honored and prized by the minister, the musical leader has a great opportunity, for through the hymn-singing he may often send through scores and hundreds of souls a thrill of earnestness or of passionate fervor that perhaps they were quite unprepared to experience. How often it is, after all, the mystic touch of a hymn written long ago and a tune composed far away that unlocks for many a heart not only for the moment, but for many an after-moment, both the mystery and the tenderness of the things divine! So it may come about that in this department of his work the choirmaster may be both in the Sunday services and in other services a real, though not always remembered, minister to the human spirit as it struggles upward into conscious communion with God.

One word in conclusion. We have been dwelling on some of the services that an organist and choirmaster should aspire to render. As we consider these it is clear that there are reciprocal obligations that are due to him from ministers and congregations. Sometimes rather plain words on this side of the subject need to be said. But for these there is no occasion here. This church sets a pattern to all our churches in the cordial honor it bestows upon sacred music, in the general attitude of readiness with which it responds to efforts for musical advance, and in the opportunity it affords for music to achieve its proper function of ministry. Whether or not it is best for all churches to imitate exactly the ceremony of this evening is debatable, but there can be no doubt that all churches may well seek to emulate the principles regarding church musicians and the respect toward church musicians which this ceremony expresses and symbolizes. If from this occasion there shall radiate far and wide a wave of awakened interest and enlightened desire concerning both song and singer and about organ and player, then our gathering and our reflection here will have a significance beyond and above our fraternal participation in an event in the life of this church. To the new choirmaster and to the church he serves we give our greetings and good wishes. But let us not fail to make our own tonight the message and the summons that they together give to us!

Interspersed through the exercises were several fine numbers of sacred music under the direction of such leading organists as N. H. Allen, Professor H. D. Sleeper of Smith college, John S. Camp and W. C. Hammond

of Holyoke. The new choirmaster of the church, Mr. Baldwin, conducted the choir in the hymns and anthems. This choir is now a body of rather more than fifty voices and the members wear a neat uniform.

To the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kelsey, great praise is due for the energy and good judgment he has displayed in this movement to put church music in its true relation to the other features of public worship.

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WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

"A Japanese Wedding" was given by the Glenwood Circle of King's Daughters, which was a decided success.

A young man was baptized and united with the church May 17. Still the good work goes on and we are still praying for greater blessings.

Our pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, preached May 14, a stirring sermon from Joshua 5:14, which was listened to with profound interest.

Mr. L. Glazier of the First Baptist church, led our evening service May 14. The subject was "Jesus, the Water of Life," which was full of inspiration. We trust he may be with us again soon.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The president for the coming year was not selected at the recent annual meeting of our Young People's Association, the office remaining temporarily vacant. Professor Arthur B. Babbitt has just been elected to the position and the Association feels that it is well repaid for its wait, in gaining so good a leader.

Professor M. W. Jacobus recently conducted the Sunday morning service, in the absence of the pastor.

Good Friday was appropriately recognized by a union service at the Memorial church, of all the Baptist churches of Hartford. Our church

was represented by a good number.

Easter Sunday in our Sunday-school was recognized by the distribution of a large number of lilies to sick and "shut-in" members.

Nine young people were baptized in our church on Easter Sunday.

The teachers and officers of the Sunday school held a supper in the parlors of the church Friday evening, May 19. Following it, the regular monthly meeting was held.

The H. I. E. chapter of the King's Daughters held a successful food sale in the primary room of the church on Friday afternoon, May 19.

Miss Cora B. Smith, formerly the pastor's assistant, who has been in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the past two years, recently visited here. She was cordially welcomed by many of her friends in the church.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

April 13 there was an entertainment in the chapel. Dr. Parker read Tennyson's "Enoch Arden" with great feeling, and Mrs. Hiram Mills played the music set to it by Richard Strauss, charmingly. It was a delightful evening and those who did not attend missed a great pleasure. The room was filled and the sum of \$100 was thus obtained toward repairs in the church the coming summer vacation.

The Sewing Society has had a very successful season. They have sent away several barrels of useful articles and have left in the treasury a good fund to begin with in the fall.

Four young people were received into the church last Sunday morning.

Mr. Youngs, the president of the Young People's Society, has been obliged to return to his home in England on account of ill health. We shall miss him very much, as he has been very helpful to us.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

It is the rector's plan to continue with the older boys of the choir, and their friends, the work of the Knights of Temperance. He made an effort to do this just as he was taken ill last winter, but had to postpone action. There have been a succession of "Knights," beginning as far back as 1886, who have proved themselves worthy of the cause and good staunch friends, and members of St. John's.

Th Girl's Friendly Society having been without a Branch Secretary since the death of Miss Bradin, our rector has appointed Miss Gertrude Woolley to fill the office. The working associates of the society are: Miss

Gross, Miss Fisher, Miss Smith and Miss Persse.

On Easter day the young men of the parish club, gave to the Rev. F. H. Danker a private communion service. This was to show their gratitude to him for his earnest and faithful work done for the young men during the past six months.

Mr. Lawrence Dolan made a short and acceptable speech of presentation, to which Mr. Danker replied with words of sincere appreciation, thanking the young men for their generous and well chosen gift.

The young men met in the parish room on Tuesday night and chose the name of "St. John's Club" for their organization. They are engaged in their baseball practice and expect soon to have a nine ready for competition with the other church clubs who form the Church League.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

A class of twenty-seven was confirmed May 4, making the total number for the year fifty-nine.

A supper and a strawberry festival are expected during this month.

A chorus choir of the Girls' Friendly Society is to assist Sunday evenings.

Mr. Howard Bell Zeigler is to be our rector's assistant.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Fast Day our church joined with the other Baptist churches in a union service at Memorial Baptist church. Dr. Main preached the sermon.

On Easter Sunday evening a concert exercise entitled "The Captive," was given by members of the adult department of the Bible school and the Primary department also gave an interesting program.

Wednesday evening, April 26, the Ever-Ready Circle of King's Daughters gave a pleasing entertainment to a large audience at Ives' Hall, 30 Washington street.

A very interesting missionary meeting was held by the Y. P. S. C. E. on April 30. Items of missionary interest were heard from both at home and abroad.

An interesting meeting was held Friday afternoon, May 12, by the Women's Missionary society. The subject was, "Forces in the Conflict." A social hour followed.

On Thursday evening, May 11, at the prayer meeting, two new members were received on their experience and

four persons presented themselves for baptism.

The U. T. A. club will give an entertainment entitled "Uncle" in the chapel, Wednesday evening, May 17.

The pastor exchanged with Rev. Robert C. Hull of Suffield, who preached for us Sunday morning, May 14.

The ordinance of baptism will be administered at the close of the service, May 21, and we are hoping to have others to receive at that time.

Sunday evening, May 28, the G. A. R. memorial service will be held in this church.

NORTH METHODIST.

We were glad to welcome on Easter Sunday, Mrs. H. D. Brundage as organist of our church for the coming year.

At the last Communion Sunday there were two taken into the church on probation and one into full membership by letter.

A very successful entertainment, called the "Deestriest School at Blueberry Corners," was given recently by the camp meeting committee of the Christian Endeavor Society. The proceeds are to go to the fund they are raising to build a cottage at the Plainville camp ground.

The beautiful picture, entitled "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," was given to us on Easter Sunday, by several members of the Sunday school.

Much sympathy is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lamkins, in the loss of their daughter, Linnie, who has been for a number of years a very faithful member of the church and Sunday school.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

During the past month the pulpit has been occupied by Mr. Lester L. Potter, Rev. C. T. Erickson of the Wethersfield Avenue Congregational church, Mr. A. C. Bacon and Mr. C. Lambert, of the Theological seminary and Dr. T. D. Crothers.

The annual Easter exercises were held on Easter Sunday and appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

Last month we lost a member of our home department by death, Mrs. John Murdock of 22 Barnard street. She was highly esteemed and for a long time identified with the mission work.

Mr. Wooster, a missionary on his way back to India, gave an interesting missionary talk, Thursday evening, May 4.

The Ladies' Aid Society has closed its meetings until fall.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Sunday evening, May 12, the Epworth League gave a reception at the church to meet our new pastor, Rev. G. B. Tompkins. A pleasant evening was passed.

Sunday, May 12, a Junior League was organized with the following officers: President, Miss Stella Houghmaster; vice-president, Rev. G. B. Tompkins; secretary, Alice Hughes; treasurer, Grace Fowler. The committees will be appointed later.

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

Easter Sunday evening, four members of the Sunday school were baptized and each received the right hand of fellowship Sunday evening, May 7.

A good audience enjoyed the stereopticon lecture so generously given in the chapel Friday evening, May 12, by Mr. Halsey B. Philbrick. The views covered a California trip, those in Yellowstone park being particularly attractive.

Mr. Gerry, of the Y. M. C. A., is at present helping in the Young People's organization.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school offering on Sunday, May 7, amounted to \$133.33. The offering was given to the church to apply on the church debt.

Eighteen Sunday school workers from Hartford attended the superintendents' meeting in Middletown, Monday evening, May 8. Thirteen of the eighteen were from the Fourth church school.

Three choirs, representing 150 voices, now sing at the morning church service. The Young Ladies' chorus of fifty voices frequently sing antiphonally with the Junior choir of 50 boys and girls.

While the pastor is away on his vacation this summer, the regular services will be conducted by Mr. Knapp and Mr. Woodruff.

The Sunday school attendance on Easter Sunday was 606.

The total attendance at all services and meetings in the church during the month of April was 14,675.

Sociables are of frequent occurrence in the church parlors. On Friday, May 12, the church entertained. On May 19 the Endeavor Society will entertain and on May 26, the Sunday school will give a general social to the members of all the departments.

The enrollment of the home de-

partment has increased during the past month from 75 to 202.

The officers of the Sunday school are making arrangements to hold a boys' camp during three or four weeks this summer.

The boys' and girls' clubs repeated the "District School," which they presented during the winter, at the New Britain Avenue Mission on Friday night, May 5.

Twenty-eight persons were received into the membership of the church on May 7. Of this number, seventeen were received on confession of faith.

FIRST METHODIST.

At the annual meeting of our Epworth League, held on Friday evening, May 5, at the church, the following persons were elected as officers for the coming year: President, Dwight North; first vice-president, Elmer H. Fogg; second vice-president, Horace North; third vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Burlingham; fourth vice-president, Grace Coe; secretary, W. S. Todd; treasurer, Belle Foster. The installation service of these officers was held Sunday evening, May 14, Dr. C. W. McCormick having the service in charge.

The New Haven District convention of Epworth Leagues, which was held at Derby, May 10, elected Dwight North as vice-president of the Hartford Group.

The Ladies' Aid society will give a musical at the chapter house on Prospect avenue, May 23. Quite a nice program has been prepared.

A Handkerchief Sale is to be given by the ladies in the near future.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last meeting of the church committee it was voted that all seats be free. It is hoped that this new method will be successful and that it will prove to be a benefit to strangers.

Wednesday, May 10, the county convention of King's Daughters met in Hillyer Hall. During the afternoon service two new King's Daughters' Circles were taken into the county order. One circle of young ladies numbering twelve is called the "In-as-Much," and the other of girls numbering eight is named the "Mission Gleaners." Collation and social hour followed the afternoon session. In the evening the service was interesting. Mr. Peabody, the pastor, and Mrs. D. W. Howell gave short addresses, which were enjoyed by all present.

Friday evening the annual church social was held. The Dickens Club of the church gave a short dramatic selection entitled "The Borrowed Dinner," which was very amusing and enjoyed by all.

The second service Sundays has been discontinued until fall. In place of that service, there is held a cottage prayer meeting every Sunday evening. There has been good attendance at these meetings and special interest taken in them.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

A strawberry festival will be given Thursday evening, May 25, in the parish hall under the auspices of the Young People's Club, and a very pleasant time is anticipated. All are invited to attend.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Rev. James Goodwin, rector of Christ church, conducted service on Sunday morning, April 30, in exchange with our rector. He is always welcome at our services and preached a strong sermon at this visitation.

The St. James' Senior Brotherhood Chapter was defeated by the Good Shepherd Juniors in a bowling contest on Friday evening, May 12, at the Colt Memorial alleys.

A meeting of the baseball clubs of the Church League was held at the Colt Memorial building on Friday, May 12.

An entertainment will be given on Monday, May 22, in the Colt Memorial hall to procure funds to purchase and equip the Good Shepherd baseball team. The Rev. J. H. Jackson will give a stereopticon lecture on "Ben Hur."

The last meeting of the Men's League will be held Thursday, May 18. There will be an address given by the rector and a musical program by friends of the League. A social hour will follow and light refreshments will be served.

The annual reception to the rector and Mrs. Linsley was held on Thursday, May 11, at the Memorial house. A very pleasant and social evening was spent by all members of the parish who attended. Congratulations were extended to our rector and Mrs. Linsley. Mrs. Grace Melberger sang several alto solos in good voice, which greatly pleased those present. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

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BUSY SUMMER FOR NORTHFIELD.

The prospectus of the Northfield Summer Conferences for the season of 1905 is strongly indicative of how the great work of centralizing Christian activity continues to be developed. For twenty-five years the plan of twining together the threads of missionary enterprises, Congregational and Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian, domestic and foreign, national and international, has been the starting point of the Northfield gatherings. The conferences have stood for all that was effective in the Master's service; denominational ties have been forgotten; local sympathies ignored; and petty interests sacrificed in the supreme desire to combine forces for the most efficient service in the common cause. This has been the standard which has made Northfield in the past, and it is the standard which is to govern its future.

Visitors are not drawn thither primarily because it is a beautiful mountain town, nor because it has the facilities for huge gatherings, but rather because it is the rallying place for the many lines of religious work.

The spirit of inclusiveness is characteristic of the program for the summer. The season opens with a student gathering for young men (June 30 to July 9), for the purpose of deepening the spiritual life in American colleges and training students to lead in organized religious work. It is followed immediately by a parallel gathering for young women (July 11 to 20), which aim to do for young women what the Student Conference does for young men. Two days later (July 22 to 30), the only purely technical school for Sunday-school workers in America begins its second annual session. At the same time (July 24 to 31), the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada hold an interdenominational gathering for the study of missions and the training of mission leaders. These schools are world wide in their application and the courses in each are so arranged that any one attending either school may attend the lectures in the other. Less than a week after they close, the General Conference of Christian Workers (August 4 to 20), the best known and perhaps the most influential assembly of the summer, will bring together teachers and preacher from all parts of the globe. This conference will be followed, as in former years, by a series of Post Conference Addresses, lasting this year until September 15. For the entire six gatherings constant effort has been made to secure only the most helpful and conservative speakers. Each assembly will have its particular leaders, versed in the particular work for which it stands, while the General Conference will unite the several branches. A few of the speakers already secured are:

Rev. Endicott Peabody, Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, John R. Mott, John Willis Baer, Robert E. Speer, Prebendary Webb-Peploe, Rev. Prof. James Denney, D. D., Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D., Principal R. A. Falconer and Rev. Johnston Ross.

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION OF RAILROADS.

President Roosevelt in effect cast a bomb into the great railway camp in Washington by his declarations in a speech, made in Denver, on the subject of railway legislation. In effect, the President said, the railroads of the country have superseded the old

highway and the turnpikes and are today the only highways of commerce. They are public highways and must be administered for the best interests of the whole people and not, primarily, to yield the greatest profits to the stockholders. They are controlled by great corporations, frequently by a combine of several great corporations which are all powerful and which have the private citizen at their mercy. Now the federal government must—for the state cannot—exercise "a supervisory and regulatory function over the great corporations which practically control the great highways of commerce."

Having announced this as the philosophy which controlled his further reasoning on this subject, the President reiterated his declaration that power must be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission to examine as to the justice of specific rates and the further authority, when that commission shall find a rate to be unjust, to fix a rate which shall be just and which shall go into immediate effect and so remain unless and until reversed by the courts to which the railroads will have the right to appeal.

That the President will have a task on his hands in attempting to secure any adequate railway legislation by congress is assured. He will be opposed by one of the most powerful lobbies ever seen in Washington, and no effort will be spared to prevent so tremendous a step in advance as that which he proposes. And the President is not unaware of this fact. "We have come to the parting of the ways," is one of his favorite expressions in speaking on this subject and he has even intimated to his friends that rather than be defeated in a policy which he regards as of the utmost importance to the welfare of the Republic he might even resort to a transcontinental trip on which he would emphasize, in lecture halls and from rear platforms, his views on this subject and the necessity of the people's affording him the warmest kind of support in his campaign against infractions of the people's right.

The President has one element of strength in his favor. His term will last until March 4, 1909. Every member of the present house and more than one-third of the senate must stand for re-election in the meantime. There can be no doubt as to the sincerity with which the President espouses this important cause and it is unlikely that the people will question the righteousness of his views. The railway men insist, however, that he will have "the fight of his life" be-

fore him if he attempts to secure legislation in accordance with what they call his "revolutionary views" and so far as the fight is concerned they are probably correct.

The Universalist Young People's Christian Union, a national organization, will hold its annual convention in this city, July 12 to 19.

The committee in charge is holding weekly meetings and is planning for a large gathering. It is expected that as many as one thousand delegates will be in attendance. Mr. Herbert E. Belden is chairman of the committee and he has a number of capable and energetic associates.

Hartford should give these young people a royal welcome and send them away with a proper respect for Hartford's hospitality and Hartford's all-round attractiveness.

The Baptists of the North and South have come together at St. Louis and shaken hands. It is probably the beginning of the end of a long separation, and it is not unlikely that their various missionary and educational enterprises may work under a united head, in the not distant future.

It is a pleasing and hopeful sign of the times and a movement which should be promptly emulated by some of our other large religious bodies.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

At a meeting of the directors of the Hartford Hospital, April 28, Dr. Morgan, of the executive committee, reported a prospective deficit for the year closing Sept. 30, of \$8,000. A committee consisting of A. C. Dunham, E. W. Hooker and A. C. F. Williams was appointed to raise this amount by subscription, or otherwise. The usual state appropriation of ten thousand dollars a year has been granted the hospital by the General Assembly, but the extra fifteen thousand asked for, in order to reopen the tuberculosis ward on Cedar mountain, has not been favorably reported.

Four years ago, the proposition was before the Connecticut legislature to establish a state hospital for the treatment of incipient cases of tuberculosis, such hospitals having already been opened with excellent results in several neighboring states. As a compromise \$25,000 was appropriated to the Hartford hospital to aid it in the establishment of the tuberculosis ward. The unfortunate result of this arrangement is that the local hospital has no funds with which to maintain this sorely needed enter-

prise, and the state feels no obligation and apparently has little interest in supporting the local institution.

The Hartford Dispensary, at 38 Prospect street, has opened a special clinic Monday and Thursday mornings for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis. Patients are given medical treatment and are supplied with careful directions for the prevention of the spread of the disease. Some of the patients call at the Union for Home Work for milk and eggs.

A committee of the Charity Organization Society, of which Dr. F. T. Simpson is chairman, has been making a study of local conditions in respect to tuberculosis, which shows a close connection with the tenement house problem. This committee has been authorized to receive and disburse funds for the more effective care of needy patients. Mr. Ernest Walker Smith is representing this committee at the first annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, which is being held this week, (May 18 and 19), at Washington, D. C.

The Sisters of the Holy Ghost, a Roman Catholic order of visiting nurses, who have recently come to this country from France, and have found here a field of useful work during the past winter, have bought the Henry Barnard house, 118 Main street. The house is to be used in part as a day nursery for the care of children whose mothers are employed.

CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The work has been extremely interesting during the last month, and many children have been brought to the attention of the society who needed special care. Five cases under hospital care have been paid for by the Hartford branch at an expense of over \$70.

One boy is now at the Hartford hospital for an operation, and another at the society's free bed at the New Haven hospital.

A large number of applications for admission to the Newington home have come in of late, and the board of management has consented to receive two children from the Hartford almshouse, and also a child from Plymouth. President John T. Huntington has recently given a fine swing for the veranda of the boys' house, and two express wagons; also six sets of garden tools for the boys, as they are interested in spring planting. A large tent will be erected near the girls' house for a summer play house.

Several children have been found boarding homes in the country, and others have been placed in families by indenture. There are now some very attractive children waiting for homes, and the managers would welcome any suggestions as to families who may be looking for children to adopt.

The Hartford branch will hold its last meeting of the season on Tuesday, May 23, when all members and friends will be welcome. It is expected that a basket picnic will be enjoyed at the home early in June.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

On May 9 the regular meeting of the Union was held. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. B. Forbes. The subject of the paper read by Mrs. C. S. Lee was "The Danger from Alcoholics and Patent Medicines in the Home." This paper contained many good thoughts, besides most excellent quotations from eminent men, physicians and others, well informed upon the subject of the harm from alcoholics. It should have had a larger hearing.

On May 10 and 11 there was a school of methods held with the Union in Wethersfield. A good number of delegates were present and were hospitably entertained by the local Union. The school of methods is for instruction to the members in the work, parliamentary tactics being one of the important branches; also these meetings are helpful in devotional, as well as business lines.

THE SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

The Loros Pintodos Dramatic club, composed of eight young people of St. Thomas' church, gave in the early spring a very pretty play called "The Doctor." It proved such a success that they have been urged to produce it again. They have consented, and, what is a most gratifying surprise to us, have offered the proceeds as a benefit to the Sunshine society. The club consists of Miss Edwenia A. Naedele, Mrs. Clara B. Anderson, Miss Edna L. Cummings, Wilbur S. Sherwood, L. B. Sherwood, F. H. Naedele, H. D. Mather and Louis Orr, manager. The play will be given in Ives hall on Washington street, Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8 o'clock. The tickets at 35 cents may be obtained at Sedgwick & Casey's music store, or of the members of the Loros Pintodos club, and of several of the members of the Sunshine society.

The death of three of our members within a few days of each other is noted with deep sorrow. Rachel T.

Duncan passed away on May 4; on May 5, Miss Linnie Lamkins; and on May 11, our oldest member, Miss Mary Loomis, who passed the century mark last February. Each was in her own way a worthy Sunshine member and we miss them already and shall for a long time to come.

Our new members have come into the society this month. All new members are gladly welcomed.

The King's Daughters held their county convention last week in Hartford at the Windsor Avenue Congregational church. It was one of the largest and most successful gatherings yet held.

The Good Samaritan circle of King's Daughters holds its last meeting of the season, Friday, May 26. At that time arrangements for a picnic, or some other pleasant outing, will be made.

HARTFORD C. E. UNION.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

I am very glad and thankful that I am able to take up labor once more in the interests of our Christian Endeavor Union. I shall try to do all that I can, with your help. I think we may all look forward to interesting work during this summer.

There is one matter that you should enter into with great earnestness and a determination to make a grand success of it. I refer to our summer meeting, which, it is suggested, take the form of an open air meeting or picnic. We tried it last season and those that were able to be present will tell you it was a success. This matter will be taken up at our Directors' meeting next week. Come prepared to give helpful suggestions.

Another matter to be thought about is the Twenty-second International C. E. Convention. Great efforts are being put forth to make this the most successful Convention in every particular that has been held. Let our Union send a large delegation. Begin now to make your arrangements for the trip.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS, Pres.

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

May, 1905.

27. Growing up for God. Eph. 4:1-16.

28. Missions in Roman Catholic countries. Ps. 67:1-7.

June, 1905.

4. The making of a Christian; help-

ing one another. Eph. 4:1-6; Heb. 10:24-25.

11. Not ashamed of the gospel. Rom. 1:13-17.

18. Minor moralities. Eph. 4:25-32.

TWENTY-SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT BALTIMORE.

As the time (July 5-10) for the International Christian Endeavor Convention draws nearer, enthusiasm among Endeavorers throughout this country and Canada increases, and even from distant Endeavor lands are heard echoes of increasing enthusiasm. From Michigan comes the news that the only trouble they are having is to decide over which route to have their "special" run. The Hoosier State's Convention cry is "1,000 delegates for Baltimore," and so the information comes: North, East, South and West, the whole continent is becoming enthused.

A new plan of financing the International Conventions will be put in operation at Baltimore by the Board of Trustees of the United Society. This will solve the financial problems of all future conventions.

Each delegate will be required to subscribe for one share of Convention stock, through the payment of a fee of one (\$1.00) dollar when registering. This will make the contributor a member of the Convention, and secure the souvenir program, official badge and printed report of the Convention.

Each subscriber will also receive a handsomely engraved certificate of stock, bearing the autographs of the seventeen members of the committee.

The official badge, which can only be secured by registering, will secure admission to all sessions of the convention.

All transportation managers have been asked to arrange to include this fee of one dollar in the cost of their itinerary; the delegates to pay same when booking for the trip. Certified registration cards will be forwarded in advance to the transportation managers who make this arrangement, and their delegations will then be equipped to secure the badge and other accessories immediately upon arrival.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The Easter morning congregation was the largest in years. There was also an unusually large congregation at the half past six service.

The new Laymen's Association of Christ church has begun its work

very successfully. There have been three meetings already, one of them being simply for business. Between thirty and forty men were present at each of these meetings and a splendid spirit of interest and loyalty was shown. On the evening of Tuesday, May 16, Professor Henry A. Perkins gave a most enjoyable talk on "Iceland," illustrated with the stereopticon. At all the meetings, Frank Gill has been kind enough to entertain the members present with a number of songs. His generous efforts have been most thoroughly appreciated by the association.

Christ church chapter of the Girls' Friendly society has added many new members this spring. On Wednesday evening, May 10, the society gave a very successful entertainment, which netted a goodly sum for the treasury.

A former member of Christ church, who retains a warm affection for the old parish, has offered, through the rector, to pay for having the parish house completely redecorated and renovated this summer, a much-needed undertaking. This winter the house has been in such constant use that at times it has been impossible to provide room for the various parochial activities at the same time.

The sewing school closed its winter's work on Thursday, May 11, by an exhibition. A very creditable showing was made of dressed dolls and baby outfits. On Thursday, May 18, the school will have a little trip into the country.

The Christ Church Crusaders have organized a baseball league, to play this summer between several local Episcopal parishes. The Crusaders recently held a social evening which was very successful.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Preparations are under way for the convention of the National Y. P. C. U., which is to be held here July 12-19. It is estimated that about one thousand people will attend the convention and it is the aim of the committees in charge to make this a grand meeting.

Several architects have submitted plans for the new church but as yet no decision has been reached in regard to any of them. This will probably be done in the very near future.

The Ladies Social Benevolent Society held an apron sale and supper on Wednesday evening, May 10, at which there was a large attendance. This was the last supper of the season.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The rector, Dr. Harriman, has been attending the sessions of the Church Congress held last week in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The parish, at the invitation of the wardens and vestrymen of the church, was entertained at a social gathering Thursday evening last, in the parish house.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The state officers of the W. C. T. U. held a two days' convention in our church last week.

We are very glad to welcome back our soprano after an illness of four months.

During the month of May our church is contributing toward our church debt.

Our pastor is attending commencement exercises at Hamilton College.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Chinese Sunday-school has removed from its rooms in the City Mission building on Pearl street, to the Sunday-school rooms of the parish house.

"The Country School," written by Thomas G. Mills and Nelson B. Bassett, was given in the church parlors Friday evening, May 12, to a very large audience. The play was well given and reflects credit on the performers. Especially enjoyable were the solos rendered by Fred W. Latham, William Carroll and Miss Anna Hurlburt.

The Christian Endeavor meeting which was to have been led by Miss Caroline Bartlett last Sunday, but who, owing to illness, was unable to be present, was conducted by Miss Grace D. Thayer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A Colonial tea was given in the parlors of the church on the evening of May 10, by the ladies. Entertainment was also provided, one of the principal features being the quaint costumes in which several parties were dressed, representing colonial times. To serve as a reminder of the good time each one had, a flashlight picture was taken.

On Sunday, May 21, a sermon was preached by the pastor appropriate to the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Knox, one of the founders of the Presbyterian church in Scotland.

UNITY CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Waite preached on Easter Sunday, April 23, after an absence of five weeks from the pulpit. He was greeted by a very large congregation and gave an eloquent sermon on "Immortality as Prophesied by the Character of the Human Soul." The choir gave a fine program of Easter music. The Sunday-school used a special service arranged by the superintendent, Mr. Mather, who spoke briefly on "The Meaning of Easter to Unitarians."

The choir has been re-engaged for the ensuing year with the exception of the tenor, Mr. Porter, who has accepted a position in the choir of the Asylum Avenue Congregational church. His place has been taken by Mr. B. Fred Grant of Glastonbury, who is giving good satisfaction.

The Unitarian Charitable Society met at the church on April 28 and adjourned until September.

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THE OPEN HEARTH.

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The meetings are well attended, and our superintendent, Rev. Mr. Jackson, always succeeds in gaining attention by his practical addresses, suited as they are to the wants of his hearers.

One evening in the week is generally devoted to the display on canvas of views which are explained and give great delight. The meeting for children is always a source of delight to the little ones and is fully attended.

The wood yard should not be forgotten and is doing a good business. Our friends should give their orders and thus help in caring for the unfortunate who need help, also clothing of all kinds is needed and is given to those who are in need and are endeavoring to do right. We can supply families with men to work at their houses at almost any time and a telephone message will help to give some poor fellow a few hours' work.

Every branch of the work is flourishing and our citizens should feel the obligation resting on them to assist. The annex, where we take men formerly obliged to sleep at the police station, is well patronized and the men work willingly in the wood yard. They are given a good bed and a lunch before going to work. Meetings are still held every evening

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The second season of successful work in our new gymnasium was brought to a close in April.

On Palm Sunday, there was added to our group of pictures in the large room a fine copy of Rockhurst's "Christ Entering Jerusalem."

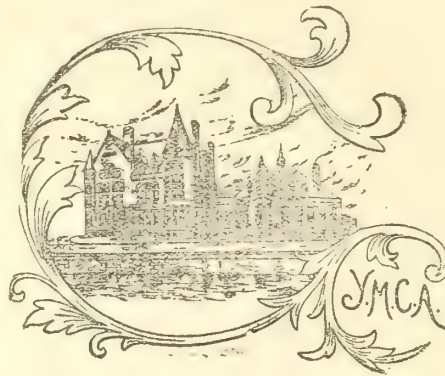
The Easter decorations of lilies and potted plants were distributed on Sunday afternoon among the sick and shut-ins.

The closing mothers' meeting for this season was held on Thursday, April 27. Miss Julia L. Havemeyer entertained the mothers with a description of her travels in Germany, illustrated with many views and pictures of her own making.

The teachers' meeting for May 2 was used in the interests of Northfield. Mt. Hermon and the summer conferences. Those who took part in this meeting were Misses Barbara L. Black, Jennie I. Stinson, Julia L. Isham, Grace W. Stanley, Ada M. Stearns and Mr. Harold Gardner. Pictures, views and photographs of Northfield and Mt. Hermon were displayed around the room.

The young men's class, with their teacher, Mr. Ralph O. Wells, entertained the choir and friends at the chapel on Friday evening, May 5.

Our annual Sunday school outing and picnic will be held at Rainbow park, Saturday, June 17.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Preparations are being made for the opening of the Boys' camp at Lake Swanzey, in New Hampshire, on Saturday, July 1. This camp is open to all boys between the ages of 10 and 16 years. The expense will be \$5 per week and traveling expenses, which amount to about \$4, round trip. Application should be made to the office of the Association between now and June 20.

The outdoor work of the Boys' Department and Physical Department commences with this month. The lot adjoining the Association building is used for various games and outdoor athletics. The tennis courts of the Hartford Theological Seminary have been secured for the summer by the Association, which will have control of them.

It is the purpose of the Association to maintain a religious meeting on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. It will be held in the reception room of the building. This room is always cool and comfortable. Plenty of cool drinking water will be on hand and the meetings will be made short and attractive.

The bi-ennial conference of employed officers of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, convenes at Niagara Falls, May

27-31. It is expected that Messrs. H. M. Gerry, educational director; S. Wales Dixon, physical director; J. W. Page, secretary of the Boys' Department, and Noel H. Jacks, general secretary, will attend.

VILLAGE STREET CHAPEL.

The closing of sewing-school, which took place April 10, was marked by a special treat for the children, consisting of ice cream and cake, and recitations by Mildred Rose, which were rendered most delightfully and gave great pleasure to the children. There were about 140 present, the Monday Boys' Club uniting with the girls of the sewing-school. The annual exhibition was held on the evening of April 11, with special exercises by the sewing-school, kitchen garden and cooking classes, boys' gymnastic class and other departments of the work. Specimens of sewing, cooking and kitchen garden work were on exhibition.

On Monday evening, April 3, Professor Solon P. Davis gave a stereopticon lecture entitled "A Fortnight in Italy," and on the evening of May 8, Rev. J. H. Jackson of the Open Hearth favored us with the story of "Ben Hur," illustrated with the stereopticon. Both of these lectures were largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the people of the neighborhood.

On Easter Sunday, a special program of recitations and carols, appropriate to the day, was rendered by the children of the Sunday-school, and a helpful talk was given by Mr. Joseph Hooker Twichell. Every member of the Sunday-school received a geranium.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. De Carlo gave an illustrated talk on "The Resurrection."

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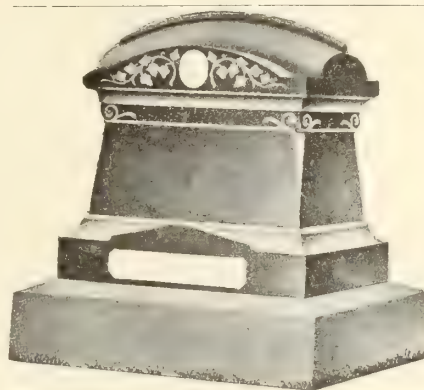
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The reception to the new pastor, Dr. Alfred A. Dent, and Mrs. Dent, which was postponed on account of illness in the pastor's family, will take place Wednesday evening, May 17.

A goodly number of our people attended the anniversary meeting at St. Paul's church Monday evening, May 15, and listened to an inspiring address by Bishop John H. Vincent.

The death of Esate Cross, Jr., May 9, removes an honored member of this church, who was beloved by all who knew him and whose loss is sincerely mourned.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Easter Sunday the church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, palms and ferns. The concert in the evening was entitled "Bells of Hope." The children did well, and showed great painstaking on the part of the committee.

The Ladies' Society met one day last month and cleaned the parlors and dining room.

Rev. Mr. Shamiler of Berlin exchanged with our pastor, April 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heath united with our church by letter, May 7.

Rev. Mr. Martyn, a former pastor, assisted at the communion service and in the evening gave reminiscences of his former pastorate.

A May party and lawn festival is to be given May 10, on the church lawn. Cake, ice cream, strawberries, lemonade and also fancy articles, will be on sale. A May Pole dance will be given by the children and a band from Wethersfield will furnish music. Every one is invited to help raise the fund for the Sunday-school library at this time.

Death has entered two families this month. Mr. James White and Mrs. Augusta Camp Wagner. Mrs. Wagner was a former member of this church. Much sympathy is felt for

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

At our last communion service seven new members were received into the church. Five of these were young people who have recently confessed Christ by baptism.

A Sunday-school concert took the place of the regular service on Easter Sunday.

A class was formed last winter for the study of one of the Christian Culture courses, as laid out by the B. Y. P. U. of America. The special line of study this year was on "Great Christian Truths." The study has been most interesting and helpful to all who participated in it. On Sunday evening, April 23, Mr. Fred Carpenter, who has been the leader of the class, gave a brief but very interesting review of the topics studied.

A reception was held in the church Wednesday evening, April 26. The special object in view was that we might become better acquainted with those who have lately come among us. A very pleasant evening was spent. The reception was under the auspices of the In-as-Much Circle of King's Daughters.

Rev. A. F. Baker is now assisting our pastor in special evangelistic services every evening except Saturdays, May 7-21. We feel that Mr. Baker is a true messenger of God to us. The meetings are a great inspiration to Christians, as well as the means of bringing others into Christ's Kingdom.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Both sad and glad is our record for the past month. We are most pained to announce the death of one of our deacons, Mr. Henry E. Kinsman. He has been a member of this church for many years and while, for a long time, his health has been impaired, we were not expecting to lose him so soon, and we shall miss his quiet presence and gentle, modest ways, which we appreciated very much.

While we are sorrowful for our losses, we are made glad by several conversions we have had within the past few weeks, all young people from the Sunday-school.

An extra meeting for special prayer has been held Monday evening for the past few weeks, which we believe has borne good fruit, and we hope for more to follow.

Another loss we have, by removal from the city to Quebec, of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller. Mrs. Fuller has been for a long time one of our acceptable volunteer organists, as well

as a valuable help in the singing and we regret her removal.

The annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held May 14, and officers chosen for another year. There were no changes, the present officers being satisfactory.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

On Tuesday evening, May 9, Rev. Philip C. Walcott was installed as assistant pastor of this church with a service appropriate to the occasion. The sermon was by Rev. Amory H. Bradford, D. D., of Montclair, N. J., and was a most eloquent address on "Jesus, the Eternal Leader." The prayer of installation was to have been offered by Dr. E. P. Parker, but was taken by Professor A. R. Merriam of the Theological Seminary. Rev. William DeLoss Love, D. D. and Rev. George H. Stone, D. D., gave brief, but timely addresses of welcome. The service was concluded by the benediction, which was pronounced by Mr. Walcott.

The annual meeting of the Young People's federation was held Friday evening, May 12. The same officers were elected as on the preceding year with the exception of Miss Elizabeth Curtiss, who has gone to Syria and whose place is filled temporarily by Miss Grace Brooks. A very interesting entertainment was given by Miss Spencer, elocutionist, and Mr. Leonard Taylor of Yale College, who sang comic selections. After refreshments, the company broke up.

On May 19, a curious departure from Congregational usage will be made by a double ordination and a joint council of two churches, to examine the two candidates, Messrs. Stephen Trowbridge and Fred Goodsell, both students at the Hartford Theological Seminary. The two churches joining in the council are the Windsor Avenue and the Asylum Hill Congregational, Mr. Goodsell being a member of the former and Mr. Trowbridge of the latter church. In the evening the ordination service will take place, the sermon being preached by President William D. Mackenzie.

Rev. Lewis Grout, the eminent missionary to the Zulus, has just died at the age of ninety. He was a man of heroic character, as well as of great learning, being an eminent authority on African languages.

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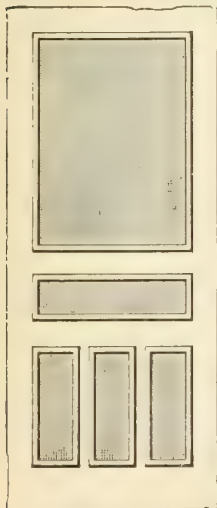
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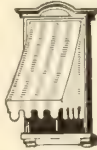
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Among the articles of special reminiscence about Joseph Jefferson, one of the most readable is that by "The Outlook's" "Spectator," printed with several new pictures, in the May Magazine number of "The Outlook." Other illustrated features of importance in this issue are: Mr. F. S. Barde's "The Oil Fields and Pipe Lines of Kansas" with many unusual pictures from photographs by Mr. Arthur Hewitt; "Our Beautiful Summer," by Jacob A. Riis, descriptive of the eighth century of a queer old church in Ribe, Denmark, where Mr. Riis's boyhood was spent; the second article in a series on Church Architecture by Mr. Maurice B. Biscoe; and the first installment of a series of articles by Edward Everett Hale to be called "Tarry at Home Travels," in which Dr. Hale proposes to gossip at will of persons and places all over the country.

There is an article of very unusual interest in the May Cosmopolitan magazine. It is on "American Wrestling versus Jiu Jitsu" and reports a discussion between H. F. Leonard, an expert wrestler, and K. Higashi, a Japanese expert in jiu jitsu. Mr. Leonard appears to show that the Japanese tricks are similar to tricks of wrestling. Charlotte Perkins Gilman contributes a poem, and there

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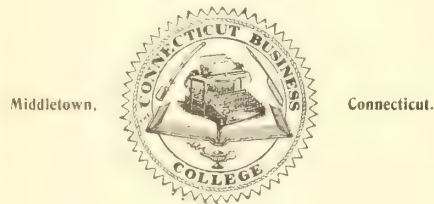
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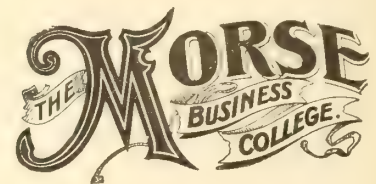
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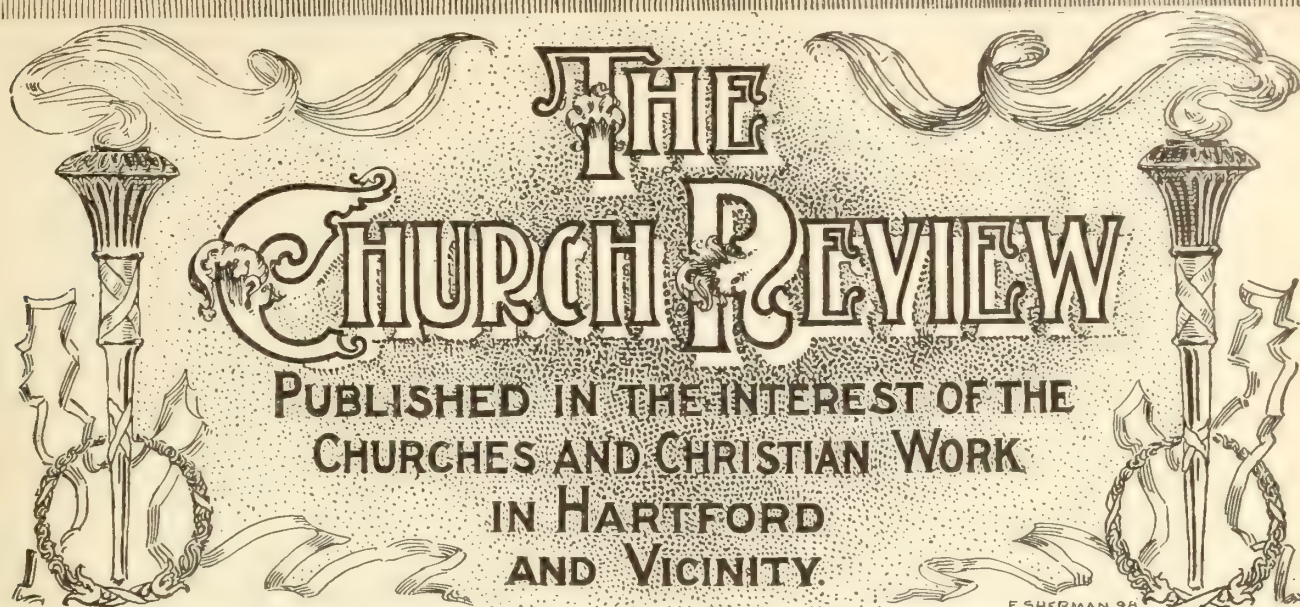
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Por lil brack sheep, don strayed away,
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An' de Shepherd, He say, "O hirelin,
Go, fin' my sheep again."
An' the hirelin frown—"O, Shepherd,
Dat sheep am brack an' bad."
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil
brack sheep
Wuz the onliest lamb he had.

An' he say, "O hirelin, hasten,
For de win and de rain am col;
An' dat lil brack sheep am lonesom,
Out dar so far from de fol."
An' de hirelin frown, "O Shepherd,
Dat sheep am ol' an' gray."
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil
brack sheep
Wuz fair as de break ob day!

An' he say, "O, hirelin hasten,
Lo, here am de ninety-an'-nine,
But dar, way off from de sheep-fol,
Is dat lil brack sheep of Mine."
An' de hirelin frown, "O Shepherd,
De res ob de sheep am here,"
But de Shepherd, He smile, like de lil
brack sheep
He hol it de mostest dear!

An' de Shepherd go out in de darkness,
Where de night was col an' bleak;
An' dat lil brack sheep, He fin' it,
An' lay it agains' His cheek.
An' de hirelin frown, "O Shepherd,
Don bring dat sheep to me."
But de Shepherd, He smile, an' He hol it
close,
An'—dat lil brack sheep—wuz—me!
—*The American Missionary.*

THE RELIGIOUS OUTCOME OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

BY THE REV. B. V. D. WYCKOFF.

"It is as impossible to judge absolutely of the relative value of current events," says a recent editorial writer in one of our religious papers, "as it is to estimate the height of mountains when one is among them." This is certainly true of the war that is now being waged in the far Orient. We may have strong preferences, and may also feel a considerable assurance as to their realization, yet we would hardly be justified in stating, that they were absolutely certain of fulfilment. And yet I think it may be said that there is much that seems as though it could hardly fail to come true, particularly as respects the cause of religion.

For, much as we deplore warfare, and particularly such a war as this in which race animosity tends to reveal itself in its worst form, yet we cannot but feel that there is One standing within the shadows whose hand is surely fashioning every move of these two nations and of all other nations as well. The Almighty still "maketh the wrath of man to praise Him," and its "remainder" he can "restrain." And so the Russo-Japanese war, like every war for principle that has preceded it, will, doubtless prove one of God's plowshares, breaking up the thick matted earth in many places that have never experienced his husbandry, so making them fit to become his broad harvest fields of future years. How this may be I think we can see quite clearly if we scan, one by one, the various countries in which the influence of this war will be most felt.

First, let us take Japan, as being the

most enlightened of all nations interested, and so affording the largest immediate promise in connection with it. There are some who fear that if Japan should win she would be unduly elated, and would be in danger of relapsing into her former exclusiveness and contempt for other nations. I cannot see much ground for this fear. This nation has gone too far on the road of progress to now recede in any such manner. Every advance that she has made hitherto she has made only after careful examination, and when made, it has been tenaciously held. Now religion requires a longer time to prove than some other things. It is of so much greater consequence than all that which the Japanese have been acquiring, that it cannot but take longer to thoroughly test it. But grant them that requisite, and suffer them to put the truth of Christ to the proof in their own way, and we need not fear but that the result will be for the advantage of our faith.

God's cause has been put in the furnace before, and has endured its hottest flames many a time, and so it will again, if need be. And when thus the Japanese find to their satisfaction its purity and exceeding worth, they will be glad to make it theirs entirely, at any price, and then their adherence to it will be most hearty and abiding. Dr. John Ross, of Mukden, Manchuria, says: "As respects the conduct of the Japanese toward Manchuria and its people: the propriety of their conduct in the past is to the Chinese an assurance of similar conduct in the future. They know from experience that 'honesty is the best policy.' Justice pays best ultimately. The eyes of the world are upon them, and they will in the future as in the past, carry out as a policy the liberty of the people and

the freedom of conscience. They will continue to do all in their power to cause and to retain the spread of all Christian nations, which are so deeply interested in the new world of the Christian nation."

Further than this, I think it can be said that the principles of the mission have already moulded Japanese conduct most remarkably, and they recognize it. Marquis Ito, the "foremost man in Japan," as he is called, has confessed "Japan's progress and development are largely due to the influence of missionaries exerted in various directions when Japan was first studying the outer world." How strong this influence has been I think we may perceive from the treatment of those of the enemy who come under their power. The following statement is instructive on this point: "In the progress of the war, despite the incomplete and contradictory character of much of the so-called news from the front, it seems certain that as respects the observance of rules of modern warfare, in the treatment of prisoners and the wounded, in the seeking to mitigate the horrors of war, the Japanese have shown themselves the more Christian of the two combatants."

A case in point is the conduct of the Russian and Japanese admirals in the presence of sinking vessels. When the Vladivostock fleet attacked and sunk the transport Hita-Chi, they made no effort to rescue the drowning sailors and soldiers; while in a truly humane and even Christian spirit the Japanese vessels saved after the battle hundreds of the crew of the sinking Rurik, one of the very squadron which had sailed away in the presence of the struggling victims of its assault on an unarmed transport. The remark of a Japanese official on the contrast is in the spirit of true Christianity.

"He said: 'Japan has avenged the Hita-Chi. Admiral Kamimura rescued and succored those who aided in sinking the Hita-Chi, and who sailed away from hundreds of drowning victims. We offer their living for our dead.' Surely such a spirit as that—and let us bear in mind that it was displayed in the very heat of a hard-fought battle—cannot long antagonize, if it would, the teachings of Him, who, under like trying circumstances, said: 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' The Spirit of Christ has certainly already captured the heart of Japan's armies and people, to a marked degree, and it cannot be otherwise than that ere long He will be publicly acknowledged as their supreme ruler and guide."

But what of Russia, and what this way may come to mean for her. Conquering or defeated, the hardships and losses that she is undergoing are not

likely to be for naught. The Czars' country while long serving the Almighty carnally, going through it deviations with almost painful regularity and patience, has not been doing great violence to many of God's children, both at home and abroad. In her relations with the foreign powers she has been exceedingly arrogant and presuming, requiring the nicest treatment of diplomats in every emergency that has arisen.

Weaker races that were in any way under her influence or protection, have again and again wished themselves rid of her baneful power. Intrigue, cruelty, and oftentimes great violence, have marked well nigh all her dealings with them. And when we come to the vast millions of her own subjects we find them to be one seething caldron of discontent. All the isms of Europe are found within the borders of the Czars' empire. Liberalism, Socialism, Nihilism, these exist there and many besides, and their cry is going up to heaven in continually increasing volume for the reformation of Russia's many evils, and the establishment in their stead of justice, mercy and truth.

Winning or losing, therefore, as against Japan, Russia, as at present governed, is almost certain to lose that for which she has been contending for many years. Pride, selfishness, over-weening avarice of territory will have to fall and a new reign of righteousness will be brought in to take their places. And inasmuch as it is evidently "the sword of the Lord" which is smiting them, may it not be that He whose hand wields that sword will see to it, that Russia, in all its vast breadth and length shall fully know its smiter. Then shall her hundred and forty millions of people come to serve Him, not with empty forms and meaningless ceremonies, but in very deed and truth. Then will be fulfilled those words uttered long ago by St. Andrew, one of Russia's most revered saints, who pointing to the rugged hills that surround Kieff, said: "Seest thou yon hills? On them shall shine the light of divine grace."

But this war is not being waged for Japan and Russia alone. "This thing was not done in a corner," can just as truly be said today as it could when Paul stood before Agrippa and triumphed in the world-progress of his faith. Corea is still practically asleep, religiously, in her Far Northern corner of Asia; and China, with her almost countless hosts, has only just begun to rouse herself from her age-long slumber to consciousness of the new conditions and possibilities that encompass her on every side. "The most interesting world-question the twentieth century is likely to develop," writes the editor of a religious periodical, is, "What is to become of Asia?" Will the vast inertia of her peoples still

present, as India does today, an almost invincible obstacle to Western civilization, leaving the people ruled but not conquered. Or will there come a sudden awakening to India, China, Tibet, Corea, in turn, such as came to Japan? These questions appeal strongly to the imagination.

To these inquiries it is impossible to give reply such as we like, and yet, who knows but that God is preparing a reply to them even now, while we question and ponder and write and pray? He has oftentimes opened gates that were tight closed with the sharp sword and glittering bayonet of the soldier. Japan would certainly seem to have been raised up for some marvelous work. Fifty years ago heathen; today in the front rank of civilized nations! "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes." What may not such a nation, freed from all its fears and hindrances, and at full liberty to develop itself according to its loftiest ideals, spiritually as well as temporally, accomplish as a teacher and leader among the nations of the Far Orient, preparing for them as for herself, consciously or unconsciously, a highway for the coming of the Eternal King. *The Christian Intelligencer.*

THE CITY OF HOMES.

BY F. L. GOODSPEED, D.D.

Springfield, Massachusetts, where the seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Congregational Home Missionary Society was held on May 30 to June 1, is "beautiful for situation." It is a prosperous and growing city of about seventy thousand people and for many years has been known as the City of Homes. Its citizens boast that it is the most attractive city for residence in New England. Situated on the banks of the Connecticut, easy of access from all directions, in the midst of the largest group of New England colleges, characterized by a large degree of public spirit, with schools and libraries of the first order, with a civic ideal which keeps its affairs free from "graft" and seeks the largest welfare of its citizens, it is much sought as a desirable place for a home. No stain has ever rested upon those who manage its affairs; but it maintains a high plane of civic life and its officials have always kept clean hands in all departments of its administration. At the time of this meeting the Connecticut valley and the surrounding country was full of the flush and charm of hastening spring.

Springfield was settled in 1636 by William Pynchon and his colony who pushed out through the wilderness in their ox-carts from Roxbury and settled in what the Indians called Agawam. Pyn-

chon gave the place the name of Springfield after his English home. He maintained friendly relations with the Indians and was respected and trusted by savages and settlers alike. He was a man of devout piety, and remarkable for scholarship, energy, and wisdom. Ahead of his age in matters of religion, he became involved in theological dispute with his former neighbors in Roxbury. By them he was accused of "broaching and maintaining a damnable heresy," was deposed from his position of leadership and his book of four hundred and forty pages burned by the executioner in the public market-place in Boston. To save himself from further and more uncomfortable courtesies of the same kind he finally retired to England where he died just as Charles II was coming to the throne.

The first thought of the Pilgrim and Puritan on establishing a new settlement was for a church. And here as soon as the new settlers had cleared the ground, erected their fort and built their houses they made a solemn compact, the first article of which was as follows: "Istly Wee intend by God's grace, as soon as we can, with all convenient speede to procure some Godly and faithful Minister, with whome we propose to joyne in church covenant to walk in all the ways of Christ." The First Church, with which the recent meeting was held, was organized the next year, in 1637. It stands at the center of the city on Court Square. The present building, erected in 1819, is the third edifice which the church has had and stands near the original one. It has many historic associations and is the most precious memorial which Springfield possesses. During its life of 268 years it has had only eleven ministers, so that the average period of service is more than twenty-four years. Who can estimate the influence of this ancient institution in the intellectual, moral, charitable, reform and religious movements of the last two centuries and a half! Springfield might almost be called the city of churches as well as the City of Homes. Today it has thirteen Congregational churches, of which number one is Swedish, one French and one for our colored brethren. In proportion to the population it is one of our Congregational strongholds.

Space forbids more than a mention of beautiful Forest Park, the commodious new high school, the art gallery with its treasures, and the library which is one of the best in the United States. In Merrick Park stands St. Gauden's statue of "The Puritan," commemorative of Deacon Samuel Chapin who often in the absence of the minister "carried forward the Sabbath services" in the original First Church meeting-house. This statue of the Puritan as St. Gaud-

ens has modeled him, with his broad brimmed hat, flowing cloak, foot upraised on his way to church, clasping his Bible in one hand and his stout stick in the other, serves to remind us that those old Puritans were the "sifted wheat of God's kingdom up to that date and that even now their force in history is unspent.

An arsenal had existed here during the Revolutionary war and was attacked on January 25, 1787, at the time of Shay's Rebellion. But the Springfield armory was established by Congress in 1794. Washington himself inspected and com-

mended the site. The view from the arsenal tower Deacon Chapin held to be the finest his eyes had ever beheld. It takes in a sweep of many miles from Mt. Tom and Mt. Holyoke in the north to the gleaming white church spires away to the west and the south far across the river to the mountains in the dim distance. The armory is the largest industrial plant in the city. Eighteen hundred and fifty men are on the pay roll. The main arsenal building holds three hundred thousand stands of arms, and their gleaming barrels reminded Longfellow of a row of organ pipes.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD.

"This is the Arsenal. From floor to ceiling.

Like a huge organ rise the burnished arms;

But from the silent pipes no anthem pealing

Startles the villages with strange alarm.

Oh! What a sound will rise, how wild and dreary,

When the death angel touches these swift keys!

What loud lament and dismal Miserere

Will mingle with those awful symphonies!

Here is situated also the French-American College, founded to give a Christian education to young men and women of foreign birth. With twenty six thousand immigrants coming to us from across the sea every week—more than a million a year—it will readily be seen how close this institution stands to the great home missionary problem. Beside one lone Yankee, sixteen nationalities are at present represented. The college aims to give instruction in the branches usually taught in such institutions and much more. It ministers to the whole life of these backward but aspiring people, and is not content until it has im-

preached the sermon. Able men from different parts of our Israel spoke their highest thoughts.

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MISSIONARY ITEMS.

There are two wholly distinct periods of Christian missions in Japan. The first was begun by the earnest and successful Xavier in 1542, and was, of course, wholly a movement of the Roman Catholic church. Xavier himself was in Japan but a short time,



GROUP OF STUDENTS IN NATIVE COSTUME, FRENCH-AMERICAN COLLEGE.

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals

The blast of War's great organ shakes the skies!

But beautiful as songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of love arise."

Two institutions kindred to our home missionary work must not be omitted in this brief sketch. The first is the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School with its corps of able instructors and its increasing body of students. This school has recently been empowered by the Massachusetts Legislature to grant degrees to its graduates, and is growing in equipment, endowment and influence. Its graduates are found foremost in the work for coming men both in this country and in Europe.

planted a high ideal of home life, a pure Christianity, and a worthy American citizenship. Its atmosphere is intensely but intelligently Christian. It is treating the problem of our foreign population from the root, and so guiding and developing all the forces of character that these people shall be equipped for life and for service in making and in keeping their adopted land Christian. This school only needs to be enlarged and endowed in order to make it one of the mightiest agencies in solving our most pressing missionary problems.

Many and great were the questions which came before this meeting. The Church Building society, Education society and Sunday-school and Publishing society shared with us the time and the inspiration. Dr. Washington Gladden, moderator of the National Council,

less than two years, but he started a work that other priests carried on for nearly a century with extraordinary results. "In little over half a century the Christians numbered nearly one million, the highest figure ever attained in Japan.—Dr. John H. De Forest.

Robert E. Speer says: "If Christianity is what the New Testament represents, and the experience of millions of Christians proves, it is the business of all who have received it to support the missionaries who are trying, not to bear this or that fruit of Christianity to heathen lands, but to plant there its roots, that they may produce among each people the living works of God."



UNITY CHURCH.

For the May social the entertainment was provided on the evening of the 26 by a play, "A Rice Pudding," given by the young people of the Sunday-school. A large audience was present, and the play was pronounced a success. Music was furnished by the choir of the church, assisted by Miss Burbank of Suffield. A recitation by Mrs. T. E. Carroll of "The Day of Judgment," by E. S. Phelps, was very much enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hospitality committee.

On June 4, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Mr. Stevens, who gave a very interesting sermon on the subject "Supreme Problems."

On June 11, the closing service of the season was held. Rev. Mr. Waite preached an inspiring sermon on "Heaven and the Way Thereto."

The annual picnic will be held at Rainbow Park on Saturday, June 24.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

On the evening of Easter Sunday, the auditorium was well filled with an appreciative audience that listened with rapt attention to the presentation of Gaul's beautiful cantata, "The Holy City," by the choral society, under direction of Professor Harvey. Miss Ruth Lord acted as accompanist.

A recital was given in the church on Monday evening, April 24, under the auspices of the junior auxiliary by Miss Van Buskirk, contralto, and Miss Clara Mallory, organist and pianist, students at the New England Conservatory of Music. The proceeds amounted to \$39.25.

A memorial service with lessons from the lives and public services of our late senators, Joseph R. Hawley and Orville H. Platt, was held on Sunday evening, April 30.

At the communion service on Sunday morning, May 7, we received five new members into fellowship with this church.

On Monday evening, May 1, the Christian Endeavor society held its regular monthly social. Almira Pease of Poquonock exhibited her family album, after which there was a "distress sale" by auction.

A parish social, under the direction of the southwest and northwest sections, was held on Friday evening, May 19. A very fine musical and literary program was rendered, after which, ice-cream was served.

The Bible-school held exercises in honor of Home Department Day, May 21, under direction of ex-superintendent William H. Hall.

A union memorial service was held in the auditorium on Sunday evening, May 28. The choir rendered appropriate music and a stirring address was given by the Rev. P. R. Day. Company C, Boys' Brigade, attended the service in a body.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society is again engaged in work for India at the weekly meeting of its members, and as one of our missionaries is on her way to this country our interest will no doubt be increased as a result of her visit.

At our recent annual election of officers for the Sunday-school, Mrs. L. F. Colton, in her absence, was re-elected assistant superintendent. She has since resigned the position, and the school elected Mr. L. F. Colton to fill the office, which is not a new experience for him, as he previously served in that capacity to his credit.

The quarterly roll-call and consecration meeting of the Loyal Workers' society is due July 2, which we hope will be remembered and attended by as many of our members as possible.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The several societies, the Missionary, the Girls' Friendly, the St. Mary's Guild, propose a summer vacation for a few weeks.

The Men's club takes no vacation.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to meet as usual.

The Sunday-school holds its picnic Saturday, July 1, at White Oak grove.

The new curate has come.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A good and enthusiastic meeting of the young men was held in the parish room on Tuesday night, May 16. Over twenty were present. Reports were made by delegates to the Church League. A lively discussion ensued as to the part St. John's nine should take in the coming contests on the diamond field. Mr. Huett reported on efforts he was making to secure a portion of the college athletic field for practice.

The Elks joined with us in our evening service of worship on Sunday night, June 4.

The reports read on Ascension Day show that under God's blessing, our work the past year has had its good results. It has been a year of good work done in His name and for God's Kingdom.

The annual offering for the church Prayer Book and Bible society will be made on Sunday, June 18.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The Dorcas society gave a strawberry supper in the chapel on Wednesday of this week. As the number attending was fairly large the sum realized was a substantial one.

On May 24, the Dorcas society held a rubber social and a pleasant evening was passed by all, and incidentally the society's fund was augmented.

The report of the Christian Endeavor society for the past fiscal year shows a membership of about forty, and indicates the various objects to which the society has contributed from its funds.

On Sunday evening, May 28, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, delivered a discourse upon "Peace and Prosperity." There was a good attendance and there was much interest manifested in the sermon and the various suggestions it contained.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The annual Diocesan convention will meet in the church on Tuesday, June 13.

The Colt Memorial house will be placed at the service of the convention that day. There will be a service at the church at 9:30 a. m., exercises will be held at the Memorial house in the afternoon and luncheon and supper served there to the clergy, lay delegates and other visitors.

The Daughters of the King had a book party on May 29, at the Memorial house, to which they invited the rector of St. Mark's, New Britain, with his parish branch. A delightful time was enjoyed and the visitors were greatly interested in the attractiveness and convenience of the building.

An evening service was held in the church on Ascension Day. The rector had the assistance of Dr. Samuel Hart, who preached the sermon.

The young men of the parish have organized a baseball club and have joined the Church league. The proceeds of the recent Ben Hur lecture will provide suits for the parish nine.

The *Parish of the Good Shepherd* has just been issued and contains the usual amount of parish news. This is the last number of the year, the new year beginning October, 1905.

The Girl's Friendly Society will hold

its last meeting of the season on Friday, June 16. They will attend Holy Communion in a body on Sunday morning, June 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

Our Sunday-school will hold their picnic at Lake Compounce on Saturday, June 17.

Children's Day will be observed on June 24.

Pastors who have spoken to us this month are Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. Mr. Macy of Newington, Rev. Mr. Howell and Rev. J. Coleman Adams.

Our evening service at 6 o'clock on Sundays will be omitted during July and August, the Sunday-school holding its regular session, however, at 3 o'clock.

FIRST METHODIST.

Children's Day was observed on Sunday, June 11, by an appropriate program given by the Sunday-school in the morning. Dr. McCormick's subject for the sermon was "A Lesson from the Lilies."

At the evening service of the Epworth League we had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. C. Telford Erickson of the Wethersfield Avenue Congregational church. The subject of the meeting was "Not Ashamed of the Gospel." Romans 1:13, 17.

Our Thursday evening prayer service has taken a change from the regular form, which has been carried on in the past.

A song recital was given by the ladies of the church at the Chapter house, Prospect avenue, on Tuesday evening, May 23.

On June 7, a handkerchief sale was given at the home of one of our ladies. On both of these occasions the ladies report a fine success.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The special services which were inaugurated two weeks before Easter were continued till the close of the week following Easter and were full of interest. Beside the young ladies from the Bible Normal College, Rev. E. P. Hammond and Rev. J. B. Connell spoke at several of the services.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered Thursday evening, April 20, the pastor being assisted by Professor A. R. Merriam and Rev. E. P. Hammond. Thirteen new members were received into the church.

Tuesday evening, May 17, an entertainment was given at the church, under the auspices of the board of trustees. Readings were given by R. S. McGee, Mr. J. Britton sang, and some beautiful stereopticon views were shown, with ex-

planatory notes by the pastor. Cake and cream were served.

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave a supper Wednesday evening, June 7.

Children's Day was very prettily observed. The singing and speaking of the invited to be present. A program will children were excellent; the pastor made a short, well-timed address and the church was lovely with roses, daisy chains and singing birds. Fifteen children were baptized.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school picnic will be held Saturday, June 17, at Compounce. Special cars will leave City hall at 9 o'clock.

The Chinese Sunday-school still holds its sessions at 4 p. m. Sundays. Visitors are very welcome.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have been holding some very interesting meetings and next Sunday will have a question box conducted by the pastor.

It is planned to have our next business meeting held on the lawn of one of our members' homes, and a pleasant social hour will follow.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Men's club gave a banquet on May 29. Their "ladies" were the guests of the evening.

Children's Day was observed here on Sunday, June 11. A class of twelve was received into the membership of the church at the morning service and the sacrament of Christian baptism was administered to a number of candidates throughout the day. In the evening the Bible-school scholars held forth in manner both enthusing and inspiring.

The church and Sunday-school picnic will be July 14, to Riverside Grove. Our Baptist and Episcopal neighbors will help us to enjoy it.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The pastor's vacation this summer will be prolonged six weeks beyond the regular period, during which Mr. Pattison hopes to complete a work on "Pastoral Theology," for which his father, the late T. Harwood Pattison, had collected and arranged notes. The work will be done in Maine. Mr. Pattison will return about the middle of September.

Old friends will be welcomed to the pulpit during the pastor's absence. As the pastor is himself to furnish the pulpit for six weeks, the places are not all filled. The following are some of the brethren who will conduct divine worship: The Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D. D., President Rush Rhees, Professor John H. Strong, the Rev. Donald D. Mac-

Laurin, D. D., the Rev. William Ward West, the Rev. J. S. James, D. D., the Rev. Cephas B. Crane, D. D., and the Rev. Henry M. Sanders, D. D.

During the past month special singing has been introduced at our Young People's association meetings. On May 21, Miss Hollingsworth sang to us and on May 28, Mr. Stedman favored us with a solo. We hope to continue this pleasing feature.

The Mother's meetings are being well attended. Several entertainments have been arranged for them during the past month, of especial interest being an account by Mr. Hale of the *East Hartford Gazette* of his trip to Jamaica, taken last winter.

The United Social club of Class 22 of our Sunday-school, held their first annual supper in the parlors of the church, May 31. A pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Arrangements are being made for our annual picnic, although as yet a definite time and place have not been decided upon.

Sunday, June 11, was observed as Children's Day. The attendance was large and the music and exercises, under the direction of Mr. Shumway, were unusually good and interesting.

The meeting of the Women's Missionary society was held June 16. Mrs. Germond of New Britain spoke interestingly on the subject of "World Wide Missions."

The Helpers' Mission Band gave a successful strawberry supper on Monday evening.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

Children's Day was observed at Center church on Sunday, June 11, the services in the afternoon being conducted by the assistant pastor, Rev. E. F. Talmadge, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Rockwell H. Potter, and Messrs. Oscar A. Phelps and Solon P. Davis. The pastor preached a brief sermon. During the service seven infants were baptized. The church and pulpit were tastefully decorated with flowers.

Through the generosity of the Cooley family a memorial of the late Francis Cooley has been presented to the church in the form of a parish house. This is something that has long been needed and it will prove of great value to the church.

The pastor and his family are in Schenectady, N. Y., where Mr. Potter is attending commencement at his alma mater, Union College, this being his decennial as an alumnus. During his absence he will also visit his parents, who reside in Schenectady county.

A call to the pastorate of the Con-

gregational church in Wauregan has been tendered Rev. Mr. Talmadge, and he has decided to accept. He will be greatly missed among his many friends here.

The pastor conducted the annual memorial service of the Hartford City Guard, veterans and actives, on Sunday evening, June 11.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school observed Children's Day last Sunday, June 11, with a children's concert in the evening.

Tuesday evening, June 13, the Sunday-school gave an ice-cream and strawberry social, the proceeds to be used to help defray the expenses of the Sunday school picnic which we are to hold at White Oak grove, New Britain, July 1.

Our pastor has a very efficient corps of parish visitors, who are covering the territory by visiting every house.

The members of the Cradle Roll are to meet this week.

Mrs. R. H. Noble and children are visiting at the home of her mother in Stepney Depot.

Dr. H. E. Snow is to spend his vacation in Maine and the White Mountains.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

There was a large attendance at the Children's Day service this year. In previous years the sermons have been illustrated. This year the object lessons were omitted and Rev. W. B. Tuthill preached from the text, "We must obey God," holding the close attention of all the children throughout. Three children were baptized.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The special evangelistic services held at the church for two weeks, closed May 21. We cannot express our appreciation of the faithful and loving service of Rev. A. F. Baker among us during this time. He will be followed by the interest and prayers of many friends at Memorial, as he continues his evangelistic work in other Baptist churches in the State.

A reception was given to Mr. Baker on the evening of May 22, by the Whatsoever circle of King's Daughters that all might have the opportunity of meeting him socially.

At the last communion service twenty were received into the church. Nearly all of these were young people of the Bible-school, who were received after baptism.

On May 24, Mr. Henry Gage and Miss Alice Agard were united in marriage at this church, amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The semi-annual business meeting of the C. E. society for the election of officers was held Tuesday, June 6. The following officers were elected: Pres., John Mackenzie; vice-pres., William Stevens; sec., Fred McKinney; treas., Miss Mabel Marble; asst. treas., Miss Alice Moses.

Children's Day was observed by special exercises of the Bible-school in the evening.

NORTH METHODIST.

Sunday, June 4, was our Children's Sunday. There was a very pleasing concert of music and recitation given by the children in the evening.

Miss Etta Brainard, one of the teachers in the Sunday-school and Mr. Walter Campbell of North Grafton, Mass., were united in marriage at the church on Wednesday, June 14.

Mr. Charles W. Hills, secretary and treasurer of the Sunday-school, has resigned his position on account of his intended removal to Boston, where he has accepted a position.

GRACE EPISCOPAL, WINDSOR.

Bishop Brewster made an official visitation to Grace church on Sunday, June 11, and conferred the apostolic rite of confirmation on a class of five adults. At the same time three candidates for holy orders, who were graduated this month from the Episcopal Theological school of Cambridge, Mass., were admitted to the diaconate. The candidates were James Joseph Cogan, Franklin Hoyt Miller and Edmund Janes Cleveland. Those who assisted in the services were Rev. F. D. Hoskins, Rev. E. deF. Miel, Rev. Charles L. Miel, Rev. Dr. Samuel Hart, Rev. F. H. Miller and the pastor, Rev. F. W. Harriman. A large congregation was present.

On Thursday, June 15, the annual strawberry supper of the parish was given. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the many who helped contribute to its success.

The Grace Church Naval Battalion under the direction of Mr. Carlton Goslee, is proving of great interest to the boys. A competitive drill was recently held and the maneuvers were well executed. The battalion acted as escort to the war veterans on Memorial day.

Rev. Dr. Harriman, the rector, preached the Baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Campbell school. His text was "She hath done what she could."

VILLAGE STREET MISSION.

The last of the monthly entertainments for this season was given on the evening of June 5, with a good attendance. Miss Jessie Hayden of East Hartford gave readings which were much enjoyed and Messrs. Northrop and Hadlock furnished banjo and guitar music. Mr. Vincent Shocco played two piano solos, and Miss Gertrude Case sang a number of songs. All gave great pleasure to an appreciative audience.

Children's Day was observed June 11, with songs and recitations by the children, appropriate to the day and a very helpful talk by Mr. Noel H. Jacks of the Y. M. C. A. An offering was taken for the State Sunday-school association and flowers were distributed to the children.

TRINITY CHURCH.

On the morning of Whitsunday, one of our members and former Sunday-school teachers, Edmund Janes Cleveland, was ordained to the Diaconate at Grace church, Windsor, by the Rt. Rev. C. B. Brewster, bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.

Graduating from the High school and from Trinity college in 1902, the Rev. Mr. Cleveland entered the Episcopal Theological school at Cambridge, from which he has just graduated, and has accepted a call as assistant to the Rev. Dr. John Cotton Brooks, rector of Christ church, Springfield.

Another of our young men, W. Blair Roberts, Trinity, 1905, is preparing for holy orders, and will this fall enter Berkeley Divinity school, Middletown, Conn.

Plans are being made for the annual Sunday-school picnic, which will be held, rain or shine, Saturday, June 24, at Hanover park, Meriden, train leaving at 8:33 a. m. Members of the school will be carried free and others can procure tickets from those in charge at reduced rates. All who go are requested to be at the station promptly at 8 o'clock.

In case of rain the large pavilions offer ample shelter, and indoor games and sports will replace outdoor events. Come, rain or shine, as we have been there in both kinds of weather and know whereof we speak.

The choir rendered a musical service on the evening of Ascension Day reflecting great credit on themselves and the organist-choirmaster, Mr. Frederick W. Tilton.

The rector's brother, the Rev. Charles L. Miel of Sacramento, Cal., preached on the evening of Whitsunday.

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A TRIUMPH FOR PLYGAMY IN UTAH.

Do the people of the country properly understand the issue that came before the Mormon church at their recent annual conference, April 6, and how it was decided? The facts are these:

Reed Smoot and others who were brought before the senate committee in Washington admitted that the president of the Mormon church and his apostles were living in polygamy, thus violating civil and ecclesiastical law. Smoot was quick to see that a knowledge of this fact jeopardized the retention of his seat in the senate. Thereupon, when he returned home, for his own protection, he made a demand that at the ensuing annual conference of the church, two of the apostles be suspended, that is, that their names be not given to the congregations to vote upon, which would be practically to remove them. In other

words, as says the Salt Lake Tribune, Reed Smoot and President Smith, by recognizing Smoot's complaint pretended to arrange that the church should be monogamitic. Some steps were taken in the direction of an inquiry. Whereupon, the following startling situation was developed: John W. Taylor and Mathias F. Cowley (the two apostles for whose suspension Mr. Smoot had asked), remarked that they were polygamists when Reed Smoot was inducted into the quorum, and that he knew it; that inasmuch as the law of God, called the manifesto, was just as explicit in forbidding present plural marriage relation with wives who were taken before the manifesto as it was in relation to polygamous marriages made since the manifesto, there was no more justification for an inquiry concerning them than there was for an investigation of the apostles of officials who were living with their plural wives.

"In point of fact," continues the Salt Lake Tribune, "it was rather plainly indicated that the church would find a pretty lively scrap on its hands, in the quorum of the twelve, if it attempted to put these particular men on trial and convict them and probably dismiss or suspend them for the sake of Reed Smoot's ambition.

"At this important juncture—when it was most desirable that no further disquietude among the saints should be apparent, when the annual conference was about to assemble, when the thoughts of many were turned toward the charges made by Reed Smoot against two of the apostles, and while the public awaited the pressing of the charges—then was Reed Smoot called to San Francisco by urgent business (!) and so was unable to attend the conference and press the charges!

"In his desertion of the championship of monogamy in the quorum of the twelve apostles; in the fleeing of Reed Smoot from the scene of his promised combat; in his utter abandonment of the fight against polygamy in his quorum, the last vestige of opposition, or even pretended opposition, has vanished.

"On April 6, 1905, after the church had been officially challenged, when two, if not more apostles who have taken plural wives since the manifesto, were voted into apostolic office; and when seven others living equally in violation of the manifesto (for they live in the plural marriage relation) were sustained as president and apostles; the church deliberately, with due notice given to all the world that the case was on for decision, voted itself to be polygamistic.

"There is no possible escape from this; and Congress should take instant recognition of the fact that the church, with the issue plainly drawn, or pretended to be drawn, after due challenge, has made its choice."

WHAT CONSTITUTES CIVILIZATION?

In view of recent historical happenings, it seems fair to ask the question seriously, if armies and navies and their successful operation constitutes one of the chief attributes of civilization.

The Japanese ambassador to France recently made this caustic comment on the modern world's estimate of what constitutes civilization: "We Japanese have for many generations sent to Europe exquisite lacquer work, delicately carved figures, beautiful embroidery; but the European nations described us as uncivilized. We have recently killed some seventy thousand Russians, and every nation in Europe is wondering at the high degree of civilization we have attained."

Is it indeed a fact that it is the military prowess of the Japanese which obtains for them a place in the list of civilized nations? One would think so. If true, it is a sad commentary on our ideals.

Is it not rather true that our armies and navies are proof that we are still somewhat removed from true civilization? When the time comes in which all swords have been beaten into plowshares, can we not more consistently boast of our high civilization? But that would be a very close approach to the millenium.

THE BAPTISTS' YEAR BOOK FOR 1904.

The American Baptist Year Book, just published, was prepared with painstaking accuracy by Dr. J. G. Walker. It has become an indispensable handbook to the Baptist, containing as it does complete summaries of the general societies and State organizations, of ministers and missionaries, and much miscellaneous information. In the summary of statistics the denomination in all the States and Territories numbers 4,600,799, the baptisms being 240,936. In 28,966 Sunday-schools there are 2,015,672 scholars. Church property is estimated at \$101,476,822. Church expenses \$13,242,110.96. For State missions were expended \$544,751.28, for home missions \$479,841.09, for foreign missions \$593,438.16, for Bible and publication work \$67,854.50 and education \$228,247.51. In point of numbers Georgia is at the head of the States with 466,714 members, Texas having 376,945,

Alabama 349,258, Mississippi 325,874 and North Carolina 326,387. Alaska numbers 8. Ten theological institutions, 95 colleges and schools for higher education, 103 academies and institutes tell the story of broad educational provisions for youth.

The money—\$50,000—is all raised, and the Pilgrim Monument at Provincetown is assured, and yet there are still hosts of people who imagine that the Pilgrims first landed at Plymouth and have certain false impressions about a certain Plymouth Rock. It was Provincetown sand and no rock they first stepped upon.

The Congregational Home Missionary society faces an \$180,000 debt. Here is a chance for investing the July dividends, sure to pay good interest later on. Reinvest here.

A parcels post arrangement has been completed between this country and Great Britain. But the express companies still have the privilege of robbing us here at home. Funny what things are allowed in a free country.

President Roosevelt's determination to buy Panama's supplies in the cheapest market raises a howl among the grafters who talk about the injury to the American workman. But when one can buy American trust products in a foreign market cheaper than at home, it would seem to be a case of calling for little sympathy.

Some things may be doing between times while Japan and Russia are talking peace. It may be recalled that Manila was taken by the Americans after the peace protocol had been signed. Dewey had cut the cable.

Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the house and governor of the Bank of France, has just died. His charities were enormous. One of his latest was the gift of \$2,000,000 to build model homes for workmen.

It is said that 100,000 persons have already been converted in the Welsh revival, 20,000 having been received into membership in the Baptist churches of North Wales alone.

The tendency toward federation between the various missions in the foreign field is inspiring. Plans are well advanced for bringing the Presbyterian mission churches in China into one body. And now arrangements have been completed for uniting Presbyterian churches in India into one General As-

sembly. This brings together churches connected with American, Canadian, English, Irish and Scottish Presbyterians with those of the Reformed (Dutch) church of America. Altogether 332 churches and 73,893 communicants are included.

Mayor Weaver, Philadelphia's stout-hearted mayor, ran for office on the platform, "I recognize Almighty God as my boss, and by Him alone will I be guided in my every act." He is a Baptist Sunday-school teacher. Over his office desk is the motto:—

"For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

American and Canadian Baptists to the estimated number of 400 will cross the Atlantic to attend the Baptist World Congress in London, July 11-18. Dr. Alexander Maclaren will preside, and an American will preach the Congress sermon.

The Good Will club closed for the season on the 10th of May. The closing exhibit showed good work by the boys in a great variety of handicrafts. The club is over twenty-five years old, but has not yet ceased to grow in interest and usefulness.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The last regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on May 23.

On account of the repairs which were being done in the building, it was found impossible to carry on the meeting with the regular routine. The paper which was to have been given by Mrs. T. J. Spencer was postponed until fall. Informally, arrangements were made for an outing on June 20, at the pleasant home of Mrs. Linn, Arnoldale road, West Hartford, at which time all members are cordially invited to be present. A program will be prepared.

Adjourned to September.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

During the last month the Children's Aid society has been active in providing family homes for children and in inves-

tigating cases brought to its attention.

One young girl who had been placed in three good homes was sent to the Industrial school at Middletown on account of her disposition to go astray, and it was considered best to place her under restraint and where she would have instruction in housework and school.

The Newington Home has received its share of attention and many improvements have been made. A tent has been set up on the lawn at the girls' house, which serves as a play house and is greatly enjoyed.

Friends have been kind to remember the home by substantial gifts, and mention should be made of four one hundred dollar gifts from friends in Hartford.

The plans for building a school house are growing and it is expected that work can begin in the fall.

The Hartford branch had its annual picnic at the home on June 14, with a large number in attendance and several were present who had never before visited the home. A basket luncheon was served in the orchard.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

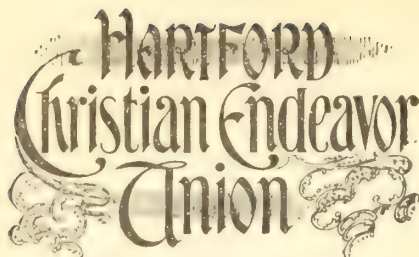
The Shelter has been a busy place during the past month and the house has been filled to its full capacity. A large number have come into the home and several who have been here for some time have gone to their friends or found employment. We have been very kindly remembered by gifts of flowers and plants, which are greatly appreciated and give pleasure to many in the neighborhood as well as to the members of our large family.

Occasional outings by trolley to parks and woods are planned for the summer and the annual picnic on the Fourth of July is an event looked forward to with much pleasure by present and past members of our household.

Sunday afternoon services at 3:30 o'clock are well attended and friends are always welcome. A service is also held every Friday morning. Rev. Mr. Jones, Rev. Mr. Jackson and others have led our meetings during the past month and good interest has been shown.

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have. Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong."—Abraham Lincoln.

Willing hands will not remain long idle, if wedded to thoughtful hearts and observant eyes.—H. W. Little.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavorers:

At our business meeting held on the 6 of June, it was voted that the Hartford Christian Endeavor union hold an "Open Air Meeting" in July. Committees were appointed to make all the necessary arrangements as to time and place.

The feature of the gathering will be good speakers with short addresses, music, vocal and instrumental, interspersed with recitations, etc.

Each society will provide an abundance of good things to eat, and we will have an old-fashioned picnic.

It will be well to talk the matter up in your meetings. Create an enthusiasm for it. Some picnic grove near Hartford will be selected.

Further information will be sent to every society within a short time.

Let every one make up their minds to fit this time to the time decided upon, and be prepared to have a good time.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS, Pres.

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

JUNE, 1905.

4. The making of a Christian; helping one another. Eph. 4:1-6; Heb. 10:24-25.
11. Not ashamed of the gospel. Rom. 1:13-17.
18. Minor moralities. Eph. 4:25-32.

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2. The making of a Christian; his destiny. I John 2:15-17; 3:1-3.
9. The indwelling Christ. Col. 2:6-10; 3:8-10.
16. The message of the flowers. Matt. 6:28-34; Jas. 1:9-11.
23. Preparing for our heavenly home. Phil. 3:20, 21; Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16.
30. Missions in Japan. Mic. 5:2, 4, 12, 13.

TWENTY-SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT BALTIMORE.

July 5-10 will find a gathering from all points of the compass, of Christian Endeavorers, at Baltimore. The program is an extended one and, as usual, the speakers are of international reputation.

THE CHURCH REVIEW.

It will prove an inspiring occasion for all who go, and will later prove a stimulus to the work of the C. E. societies everywhere, as the delegates return to their homes filled to overflowing with enthusiasm and new ideas.

The Hartford C. E. Union should have a large representation at this convention. It will prove a good investment for any society to send a delegate and pay his or her way, provided the society cannot be represented otherwise.

STATE UNION NEWS.

Rev. A. E. Harris of Meriden, the State Junior superintendent, will represent the State at the Baltimore convention, July 5-10. It is to be hoped that many Connecticut Endeavorers will journey to this gathering next month to enjoy the good things that await them.

July 12-19 will find the Universalist young people gathered together in Hartford in convention. It will prove a successful meeting without doubt, as Hartford is "no mean city" for convention purposes, or any other. The committee in charge have arrangements well in hand to properly care for and entertain the delegates. A part of the time is to be given up to excursions hereabout, an excellent feature for any convention.

The international Epworth League convention at Denver, July 4 to 7, inclusive, promises to be a great affair and largely attended. The papers are teeming with information about Colorado, profusely illustrated with pictures of the finest scenery on earth and the elaborate preparations that are being made for the entertainment of all visitors. Board has been arranged for at unusually low rates, and the program is rich in its list of topics and of speakers.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The Mission club plans to give a strawberry festival on the church lawn on the afternoon and evening of June 19.

Mr. Twichell plans to remain in Hartford all summer, and preaching services will be held every Sunday morning at the usual time. Mr. Twichell has been selected to give the address before the annual meeting of the American Board this year, and will accordingly be absent during September and a part of October.

BLUE HILLS AVENUE.

The Rev. Mr. Knollin and Mrs. Knollin are in Maine for the summer. Miss Billings will take charge of the Sunday evening service, and work in the

Sunday-school until their return at the fall opening of the seminary.

The ladies of the avenue had a very successful evening at their May fair, both socially and from a financial point of view.

Children's Sunday was observed at the evening service and the children and young people kept the exercises up to their usual high standard. Well chosen and prepared songs and recitations gave pleasure to the large number present, notwithstanding the rain which began to fall early in the evening.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Dr. Groves' Herb Extract is a standard remedy for many of the disorders incident to this season of the year. It is especially valuable as a blood purifier and with the blood in good condition, the elimination of disease naturally follows. It is for sale at all druggists.

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Hobard—"So I was, old chap. For obstructing the highway."

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Among the attractions at the lake are good boating, bathing, a steam launch, a first class restaurant, open air entertainments, swings, pleasant walks, etc.

THOREAU'S DIARY.

[Some extracts from the Diary of Henry D. Thoreau, now appearing in *The Atlantic Monthly*.]

The man of principle gets never a holiday. Our true character silently underlies all our words and actions, as the granite underlies the other strata. Its steady pulse does not cease for any deed of ours, as the sap is still ascending in the stalk of the fairest flowers.

History tells of Orestes and Pylades, Damon and Pythias, but why should we not put to shame those old reserved worthies by a community of such?

The indecent haste and grossness with which our food is swallowed have cast a disgrace on the very act of eating itself. But I do believe that if this process were rightly conducted, its aspects and effects would be wholly changed, and we should receive our daily life and health Antæuslike, with an ecstatic delight, and, with upright front, an innocent and graceful behavior, take our strength from day to day.

Bonaparte said that the three o'clock in the morning courage was the rarest, but I cannot agree with him. Fear does not awake so early. Few men are so degenerate as to balk nature by not beginning the day well.

As all men have two ears and but one tongue, they must spend the extra and unavoidable hours of silence in listening to the whisperings of genius, and this fact it is that makes silence always respectable in my eyes.

Commonly we use life sparingly, we husband it as if it were scarce, and admit the right of prudence; but occasionally we see how ample and inexhaustible is the stock from which we so scantily draw, and learn that we need not be prudent, that we may be prodigal and all expenses will be met.

It is the saddest thought of all, that what we are to others, that we are much more to ourselves—avaricious, mean, irascible, affected—we are the victims of these faults. If our pride offends our humble neighbor, much more does it offend ourselves, though our lives are never so private and solitary.

"You say you love me," said the beautiful maid with the auburn ringlets, "but would you die for me?"

"Not at this stage of the game," replied the young man, who was nothing if not practical. "My love is of the undying brand."

Finnigan Filosofy: "Kape yer eye on phwat a mon turrs up's nose at, an' yez'll know what he's been r-raised on."—Baltimore American.

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Our superintendent has been assisted during the past month on several occasions by Rev. Mr. Goodwin, Councilman Thomas H. Day, now a chaplain at the jail, S. J. Raymond, formerly assistant superintendent of the Open Hearth, Mr. J. W. Keyes, who has taken several Thursday evening meetings, Mr. Marc A. Schaeffer, who has been a constant friend, Professor Northrop and others.

The beautiful grounds about the buildings are now looking finely and are a source of pleasure to all. The children's work is going on with increased success, the meetings being well attended, while the playgrounds give an opportunity for amusement to the little ones. We hope for and expect a successful season during the coming months, although the want of a building for services and entertainments, musical and otherwise is still badly felt and a hindrance to the full enjoyment which otherwise would be felt by those who attend in the small and inconvenient chapel now used. We trust this want will be supplied during the coming season and thus the Open Hearth be fully supplied before the winter season sets in with a building suitable for all needed purposes of the work.

Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Offenders, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offenses. Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind!—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Preparations are being made at this time of year for the boys' camp which will be conducted at Swanzev lake, in southwestern New Hampshire, July 1 to 22. This gathering is known as Camp Jewell and is a place for a good vacation for boys without much expense. It is known for its good fellowship and high moral tone. Accommodations are provided for fifty boys. The expense is \$15 for the three weeks and the round trip traveling expenses are less than \$4. The camp is situated on Swanzev lake, eight miles from the city of Keene. The lake is over a mile long and a half mile wide, nestling in among the hills and heavily wooded mountains. It has a long stretch of fine sand beach affording an ideal place for swimming and water sports. On the campus are tennis and volley ball courts. Across the lake the boys have baseball grounds, belonging to Mr. Denman Thompson, the famous actor, who has a magnificent summer home in that locality. Two miles from the camp site is the village of West Swanzev, where are railroad station, postoffice, express, telephone and telegraph offices, and supply stores. This season the camp will be under the personal direction of Mr. Noel H. Jacks, general secretary, who will be assisted by S. Wales Dixon, physical director, and J. W. Page, boys' secretary. The camp equipment consists of two buildings, a cottage 18 by 52, used for dining room and kitchen, and a smaller building, which is called the camp postoffice and manager's office. The dining room has been built this summer and will be used as an assembly hall. It will be supplied with a piano, and will make an ideal place for the evening "jollies" and religious exercises for which the camp is noted.

The boys will sleep under canvas. For that purpose the camp is supplied with wall tents 16 by 16 feet. The camp is equipped with boats and anchored a short distance from the shore is a fine swimming float. The drinking water is of the best. The sanitary arrangements are right in every respect. The kitchen

this year will be in charge of a man and his wife who have had several years' experience in cooking for boys' camps. This means perfect satisfaction in every respect, with plenty of well cooked, wholesome food.

Sundays in camp will be made as helpful and interesting to the boys as possible. There is always one religious service. Sometimes this is held on the hillside or under some shady trees. One year it was held out on the lake in the large boat. The remainder of the day is spent in reading, letter writing, strolling in the woods, etc. A short and simple service is conducted around the camp fire each night before the boys retire.

Any boy of good moral character, from 10 to 17 years of age may make application, whether he is a member of the Association or not. No boys over 17 years of age will be taken, excepting those employed as camp helpers. The list is being rapidly filled up and parents who would like to have their boys attend this camp should make application at once. No firearms are allowed in the camp and boys are never allowed to go in swimming except at stated hours, and then in the care of four or five expert swimmers.

Every season in the past, boys who could not swim when they went to camp were successfully taught how to swim and care for themselves in the water. A physician is near at hand in case of accident or sickness.

The Hillyer Institute is making active preparations for a summer school in the Association building, for boys of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. The purpose of this school is to help boys who desire to make up for time that has been lost through sickness or otherwise or who for any cause did not pass during the past terms. Full particulars can be obtained on application at the Association building office.

The correct principle is that women are not only justified, but exhibit the most exalted virtue, when they enter on the concerns of their country, of humanity, and of their God.—*John Quincy Adams.*

The best help is not to bear the troubles of others for them, but to inspire them with courage and energy to bear their burdens for themselves and meet the difficulties of life bravely.—*Lubbock.*

Do not flinch from suffering. Bear it silently, patiently, and be assured that it is God's way of infusing iron into your spiritual make.—*Rev. F. B. Meyer.*

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cisely the same work, will be taken up in some commercial house, it being but a step from college into a good paying position.

The exercises at graduation last year were of peculiar interest, and although the evening was stormy, the college rooms were packed with pupils and their friends and many disappointed ones could not even obtain standing room.

This year the attractions will prove even greater, for the new quarters in the Catlin building have excited a great deal of interest and admiration: there is to be instrumental music by the College orchestra of ten pieces; the College octet, trained by the Hartford Conservatory of Music and Mr. C. Pol Placon, soloist, will take part. The exercises include touch typewriting, speed work, stenography, reading same backward, rapid calculation, billing and business practice. There will be addresses by former students who have been particularly successful in the business world. This event occurs on June 30,

at 2:30 p. m., and all former students and friends of the institution are invited.

Another college event to follow is the annual reunion and picnic which occurs at Highland Lake, Winsted, July 1st, the train leaving Union station at 8:05 a. m. Athletic games, sports, music and picnic will be features of this occasion, and all are invited. The round trip fare is 80 cents.

A record seldom equalled has been made by this college the past year in the matter of placing pupils in positions. Every available graduate has been so placed, and the demand has been greater than the supply.

The new term will begin Monday, Sept. 4. Pupils are already enrolling for the coming season.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Sunday evening, May 21, the junior and senior C. E. societies held a union meeting.

Sunday evening, May 28, the G. A. R. memorial services were held in this church. The church was beautifully decorated and the new system of electric lighting, recently installed, was used for the first time and the effect was very fine. The church was crowded and a large number were turned away. On this day also, the beautiful new brass lectern in memory of Wm. R. Morgan was used for the first time.

June 11 was observed as Children's Day. The pastor preached an illustrated sermon to the children in the morning and in the evening a program of song and recitation was carried out by the Bible-school.

The Sunday evening service, June 18, is to be in charge of the Salvation Army. A prominent speaker from New York will give an address. The public are welcome.

Sunday evening, June 25, will be devoted to an address by the pastor to several lodges of Masons, both local and nearby.

Our Bible-school will hold its annual outing at Snipsic Lake, Rockville, on Saturday, June 24.

PARK CHURCH.

On May 16, the annual business meeting of the C. E. society was largely attended at the home of Miss Colton, 194 High street. Several matters of importance were decided and the following officers elected for the year beginning July 1: Pres., Florence R. Robertson; vice-pres., Lawrence Stevens; recording sec., Louis Marte; cor. sec., Annie I. Robertson; treas., Dr. Wm. G. Downes. The society has appropriated \$25 to send

one or more delegates to the summer conferences.

The last social of the season was held May 29, afternoon and evening. Ice-cream, cake and strawberries were on sale, also a number of side shows for which one penny admission was charged. The girls and boys of the Sunday-school had a contest to see who could collect the most old rubber and sell the most tickets. The boys won, but the girls sold the most tickets. The affair netted \$47 and a very jolly time was enjoyed.

The Sunday-school picnic comes Saturday, June 17, at Hanover Park, Meriden. All members of the congregation and friends are invited to attend.

Rev. Dean A. Walker, Ph. D., formerly of Southwest Harbor, Me., will preach June 18.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

The church is at present rejoicing over the improved condition of the pastor, Dr. Stone. Taking cold at the centennial celebration in Suffield, a severe illness followed, and for days much anxiety was felt, but at the present writing everything is favorable for his recovery. Praise the Lord!

The junior Endeavor society has discontinued its meetings for the summer.

The young people continue the Sunday evening meetings under the leadership of Mr. Gerry.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

A strawberry festival was given in the parish hall, May 25, under the auspices of the Young People's club and was very well patronized.

On Decoration Day, the patriotic work of decorating the graves of soldiers at the Old North cemetery was carried out by the hearty co-operation of a large number of workers from various churches and public schools in the north end, who harmoniously united in our parish hall and prepared and arranged the baskets, from a profusion of flowers contributed by the children and friends. It is the first time that this arrangement was carried out, in the northern section of the city, and it was very successful and gratifying to all, and a great relief to the old soldiers, on whom this burden had formerly fallen.

The Young People's club are planning to close a successful season with an outing and enjoyable time.

On Sunday, June 18, the Sunday-school will hold graduating exercises in the church at 7:30, at which time a number of pupils will be graduated from the primary to the senior department.

The annual excursion and picnic of the Sunday-school will be held at Laurel park, July 11.

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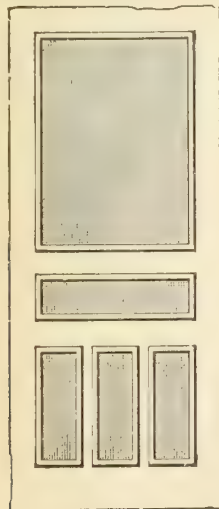
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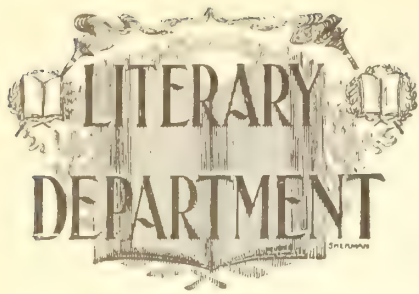
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New and interesting side-lights on the Civil War are found in the June *Century*: "What a Boy Saw of the Civil War," by the Rev. Leighton Parks, rector of St. Bartholomew's, New York City, with glimpses of Robert E. Lee; a curious and surprising article on "Boys in the Union Army," by George Langdon Kilmer; "A Pupil's Recollections of 'Stonewall' Jackson"; and "Recollections of Jubal Early," "the one who followed him." These articles with several stories including "Miss Sally and the Enemy," a war-story by Gouverneur Morris, and "In the Virginia Room," by Arlo Bates (the scene laid in one of the rooms of the Confederate Museum at Richmond), make up a number of special interest in the Memorial Day season.

The current number of the *Cosmopolitan* magazine is undoubtedly one of the best numbers ever issued; its varied contents being of unusual merit and interest. An article by John Burroughs discusses the question as to whether animals do or do not think and is full of significant arguments in the negative side. Several short stories of rare merit are included, and the serial, "The Occultation of Florian Amidon," is continued.

The *Woman's Home Companion* for June has for its cover one of the de Longpre's beautiful rose studies, and all the pages are filled with the spirit of the early summer. "Sacajawea, the Bird-Woman," is one reminder of this; Mrs. Sangster's "Wedding-Bells" another; "A Bungalow That Can Be Built for \$600" sounds very pleasant; while the fashion notes are of special interest to the June bride and the girl graduate. The short stories, too, are particularly adapted to summer reading.

Pearson's Magazine for June presents as its leading article the first in an interesting series entitled "The Profession of Getting Hurt." The author, Mr Theodore Waters, spent five months visiting the various big cities, where he unearthed among public corporations and among the various municipal heads a most amazing state of affairs, showing how annually millions of dollars are "grafted" by this brand-new class of fakers.

Recreation for June is filled with good things for the out door people. The leading story, "The Road," by Walter K. Stone, illustrated by the writer and Charles Livingston Bull, contains an urgent appeal to the jaded city sportsman, asking him to turn aside from the beaten paths and explore the by-ways and high-ways through the fields and in the woods. The simple story has the tang of unfrequented spots and the lure of wildness, this feeling being well carried out in the number of full page pictures.

From The Wetminster Press of Philadelphia, there has come to hand two small volumes of interest. One is a very dainty booklet bound in white and the title, "Given to God," stamped in gold. It is called "a memento of the day of baptism" and gives a baptismal service for children, prayers, appropriate miscellany and a page to be filled out as a certificate and another page designed to be filled by the writing of good wishes by friends.

It sells for twenty-five cents per copy.

The other booklet is the "Manual for Communicants' Classes," and was prepared by direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. It is in the nature somewhat of a catechism, but more definitely a book of instruction to prospective members of the church.

"Capital, Labor, Unionism," is the title of a decidedly interesting brochure by Mr. H. C. Daniels of this city.

Mr. Daniels has had a long business experience both as an employer and employee. He has had to do with many phases of his subject, directly or indirectly, so that he knows of what he speaks. His deductions as applied to some of the more familiar problems in industrial relations appear therefore to be practical. Indeed it has been the author's aim to get down to elementary propositions, and not to attempt by theorizing to explain or remedy mere difficulties of the surface.

The June number of *Everybody's* brings to us the crucial instalment of "Frenzied Finance," Mr. Lawson's intimate recital of the First Great Crime of Amalgamated. The happenings of that now famous midnight session at the National City Bank on May 4, 1899, when Henry H. Rogers and James Stillman introduced an infamous bogus subscription and defrauded and robbed thousands, are clearly and dramatically told.

Wide human interest is the striking thing about the June *McClure's*. The college man is the first concerned in the sensational disclosures of "The College Athlete" which tells, for the first time,

some astonishing facts about the financial arrangements by which some of the "stars" are secured and kept at college.

Hellen Keller, who has been so marvellously educated in spite of her lack of sight, speech, and hearing has written the story of her college days, a charmingly modest story of her wonderful conquest of her limitations. It is a vindication of her splendid optimism.



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The Breath of the Gods. By Sidney McCall. 431 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

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A handsome young Japanese girl while being educated in this country meets and loves a young attache, who wishes to marry her. Her anxiety to gain her parent's consent, due to her training and the traditions of her race, cause her to put off her impetuous lover until her return to Japan. Once there, however, complications and tragedy ensue and give the author opportunity not only to tell a fascinating story, but to interpret Japan and the spirit of the people with remarkable insight.

A Life of Christ for Children. By Florence Baillie Fitzpatrick. 170 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press. Price 50 cents.

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The Winged Helmet. By Harold Steele MacKaye. 389 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50

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tion of his father's appearance as he lay dead, is vivid and awful, remaining with him continually. Coming of a proud family the son determines to be revenged and lives with that thought in mind always.

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Nut Brown Joan. By Marion A. Taggart. 314 pages, 12 mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.50.

The heroine is a charming and healthy young girl, a bit quaint in personal-

tain the average youth of healthy mind, for children seem to have an in-born love for gardening. Too often, and too soon, this taste is outgrown and it is well to cultivate it by books of this character.

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The Napoleon Myth. By Henry Ridgely Evans. 65 pages, 8 vo. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co.

"The Grand Erratum" by Jean-Baptiste Peres, written years ago in Paris as an ironical reply to writers who attempted to belittle the exploits of Napoleon Bonaparte, proved (?) that no such person existed, that he was entirely a mythical personage and that his reputed adventures and achievements were nothing but symbolical attributes of the sun!

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The book is illustrated with some rare and unusual Napoleonic pictures which add value to the work.

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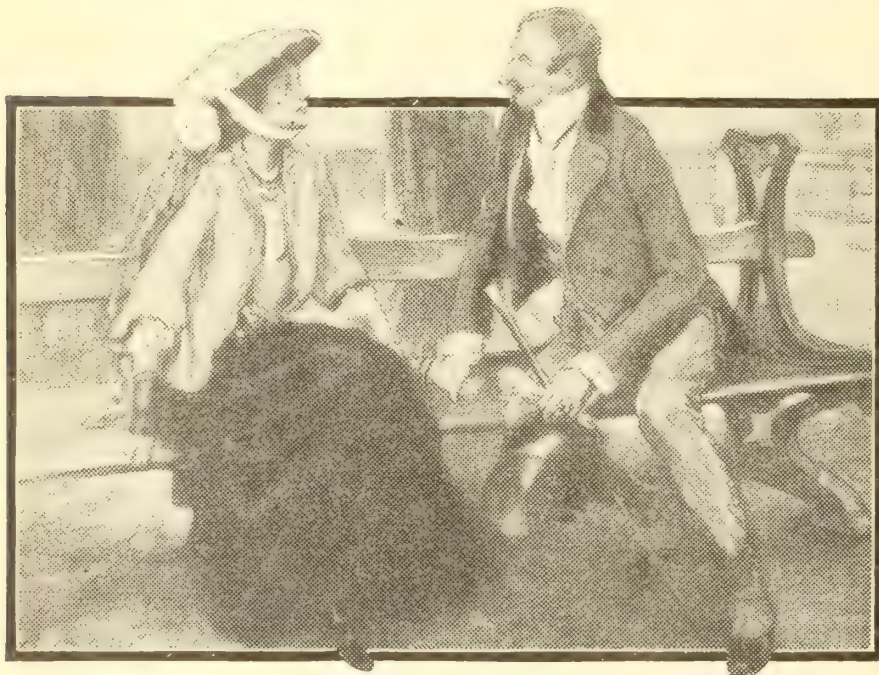
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The volume is well illustrated.

The Flower of Destiny; an Episode of the Second Empire. By William Dana Orcutt. 277 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.25.

The author has woven the love story of Napoleon III and Eugenie into a dramatic and charming romance. The young Eugenie is pictured as a most fascinating heroine and the incidents of her courtship by the future emperor are gracefully and sympathetically related by the author.

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The publishers have becomingly devised the book. Its typography, illustrations, decorations and binding are very good and appropriate. Through the courtesy of McClurg & Company, one of the illustrations is reproduced in connection with this mention of the book.

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A Little Brother to the Bear and other Animal Stories. By William J. Long. 178 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 50 cents.

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Besides the titular story, there are stories of "A Woodcock Genius," "Pek-anpfs Cunning," "Animal Surgery," "Hunting Without a Gun," and others, all endued with the strong personality distinctive of Dr. Long's writings.

The volume is well illustrated.

The Flower of Destiny; an Episode of the Second Empire. By William Dana Orcutt. 277 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price \$1.25.

The author has woven the love story of Napoleon III and Eugenie into a dramatic and charming romance. The young Eugenie is pictured as a most fascinating heroine and the incidents of her courtship by the future emperor are gracefully and sympathetically related by the author.

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The publishers have becomingly devised the book. Its typography, illustrations, decorations and binding are very good and appropriate. Through the courtesy of McClurg & Company, one of the illustrations is reproduced in connection with this mention of the book.

Justin Wingate, Ranchman. By John H. Whitson. 312 pages, 12mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a story of Colorado life and it is full of characteristic Westernisms, which prove the author to be a capable writer and one who understands his subject quite thoroughly. Those readers who recall "The Rainbow Chasers," will know that this is so, and do not need the assurance given.

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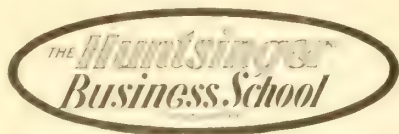
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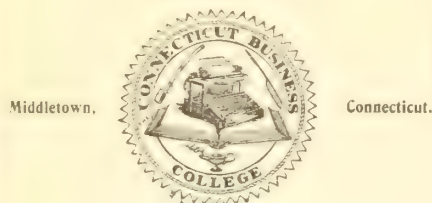
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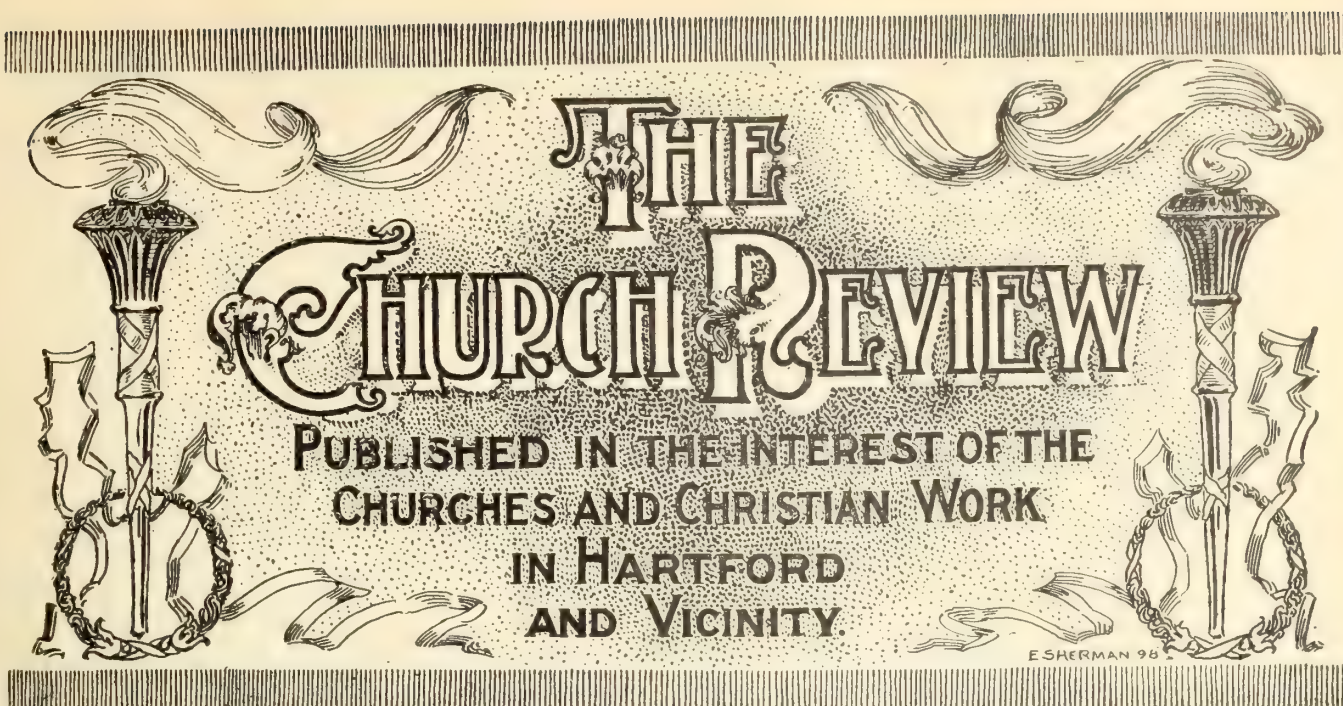
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is too late,
That's why we've come to Toronto.

CHORUS.

Hurrah! Hurrah! for old Connecticut;
We mean to keep our schools from every
rut,
So we've come to Canada to get some
pointers, but
We can't remain in Toronto.

"Land of steady habits" and unsteady
ones as well,
We'll come back with new desire the
love of God to tell,
And to every town and city, every hill
and dell,
We'll spread the news from Toronto.

CHORUS.

We believe the Bible and we love the
Golden Rule,
We are very proud to say we go to Sun-
day-school,
If one doesn't agree with us we know
he is a-shamed
And he should go to Toronto.

CHORUS.

Loud we shout "God save the King,"
and our good Theodore,
May these Christian nations dwell in

love forevermore;
May the blessed Prince of Peace soon
reign the whole world o'er,—
This is our prayer in Toronto.

(AT PARTING.)

CHORUS.

Good bye, good bye, the best of friends
must part,
But these bright days shall live in every
heart;
Only in the driest eyes do tears refuse
to start,
As we are leaving Toronto.

THE CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY.

By Chandler E. Miller, Secretary.

A review of the work of The Connecticut Humane Society during the past quarter of a century shows a constituency that since the beginning has grown from a few members to upwards of five thousand. Its birthplace might be said to be the White Mountains. In "Autobiographical Sketches and Personal Recollections", under the caption "Why I Stopped at Hartford", George T. Angell, President of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, cites a reminiscence, telling how he was approached by a modest schoolgirl, who was stopping at a mountain cottage about two miles from his hotel. She told Mr. Angell how she had suffered from cruelties inflicted on animals in her native city and wished to know if something could not be done to relieve them. Mr. Angell explained to her that if she would get a meeting in one of the churches in Hartford on her return home, he would come there and deliver a lecture. A few weeks later he

received a note from her saying that a church had been secured and that her parents wished him to come to their house. To quote Mr. Angell:

"I reached Hartford Saturday night and found what this schoolgirl, between school hours and her lessons, had been able to do. She had gone to the Rev. Dr. Burton, of the large Presbyterian church (see foot note) and asked if he would kindly help her by giving his church one Sunday evening to considering the sufferings of God's dumb creatures, and he said he would. Then she went to some other clergymen, and asked them if they would kindly help by giving up their meetings that one evening, and they said they would. Then she went to the editors, and asked if they would kindly help by writing something, and they said they would; and then she went to some of the prominent citizens, and invited them to come to the meeting. When I entered the church Sunday evening, I found one of the finest audiences it was ever my privilege to address,—the very cream of Hartford. At the close of my lecture, Dr. Burton rose in the pulpit, and proposed, although the hour was about half past nine, that those who could conveniently remain after the benediction should do so, and give their names then and there to organize a society. Nearly two hundred, as I remember, remained, and the next day a large number of other names were sent in; and the 'Connecticut Humane Society'—a live organization which will probably continue its work of humanity a hundred years after the writer of this article shall rest from his labors—now stands as a monument of the power of one modest but earnest schoolgirl. The name of the schoolgirl was Miss



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Rodney Dennis was the first president chosen and held the office for nineteen years, until his death in 1899.

The idea which was advanced years ago, that there was no need of a society, has entirely vanished, and the Society is a permanent and recognized force in the affairs of the commonwealth. At that time it was argued that the constabulary and police powers already in existence throughout the state made it possible to prosecute any and all offenders against the laws relating to cruelty, but these powers were rarely exercised and the laws were very seldom carried into effect.

No man liked to complain of his neighbor, and, if left to local officers, nothing would be done; but, with a society sustained by the support of good and law-abiding people, with laws to sustain it, no case of cruelty need continue, and, as times of complainants are not divided, any one witnessing an act of cruelty can report it to the Society with the security that their names will not be known.

There is an increasing amount of good work being done in our public schools. Dix the Law of Kindness in the hearts of the young and a blow is

struck at the foundations of sin and vice. Teachers are recognizing this, and the formation of Bands of Mercy among the children is a hopeful sign.

In Hartford recently a boy's humane society was organized, consisting of nine members, and its object the suppression of cruelty among cats and dogs.

There is probably no more cruelty practiced than in the wanton destruction of birds to adorn hats, and in illustration of the work done among children in this connection we copy the following essay, printed in the report of the Humane Society in 1901. It was written by a pupil of grade VIII in the Arsenal School, Hartford.

"To a lover of birds there are few subjects that cause more interest, and at the same time regret, than the slaughtering of the beautiful creatures to adorn women's hats.

"One of the most painful of these is the killing of the lovely white heron to obtain the egret plumes.

"The herons are found mostly in Florida. They make their nests high up in the tree, and they have been known to build eighty nests in a single oak.

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black, and slate colors finely blended.

"The heron is a very shy bird. The time when the hunter goes in search of these birds is just before the young begin to fly. Then the mother bird is so filled with love and anxiety for her young that she forgets all about herself but tries to save them. She flutters her lovely white wings to shield her baby birds, but only making herself more conspicuous to the hunter.

"The hunter then shoots the bird, and she comes fluttering down through the air, uttering piercing cries. And so this goes on through the day until the hunter has killed about a hundred of these beautiful white herons.

"And this cruel work continues for days in succession. It has been estimated that for every egret plume worn on a woman's hat ten birds have suffered death, for the young also have to die when the mother is killed.

"After the hunter has killed all he can he goes home, leaving hundreds of birds behind him either dead or dying.

"And so when we see egret plumes on women's hats, singly and in great bunches, it means that not only hundreds but thousands of these birds have been killed.

"How can we school girls prevent the killing of the white heron? By refusing to wear the egret plumes."

It will be seen that The Connecticut Humane Society occupies throughout the state a field for work broad in its character, wide in its scope and unique in itself.

A few years ago, if a man were approached and advised not to drive a lame horse, he would say, "This is my horse, I shall do as I please with it." Now, a word of warning is generally sufficient and many abuses are corrected without publicity. The fact that more work is done each year is encouraging because it indicates that the public generally observe and notice cruel acts that formerly would pass unnoticed. In one instance where we were notified that a poor decrepit horse was being abused and driven through the streets, a number of boys assisted our agent in



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following up the offender, by standing at different corners and directing the agent, who by this means of guidance was enabled to overtake the man and have the horse relieved from further abuse.

While the facts here related give hopeful signs, there is yet much to accomplish in relieving children and old people neglected and abused, and animals overworked, sore, beaten, underfed and cruelly transported. In fact as has already been stated, the field is broad and it is gratifying that in all parts of the state there are men who judiciously exercise the authority given them by the Society, prevent much cruelty and suffering and make the state a better place in which to live. The work is educational and ever growing; the outlook for the future bright for a continuance of its growth. In these times when the tendency is toward concentration, The Connecticut Humane Society will continue to expand its work strictly along the lines laid down in its Charter and Act of Incorporation, and, as stated in its Constitution, "to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty, and especially of cruelty to animals."

[Mr. Angell's reference to the Presbyterian church is erroneous. The meeting was held in the Park Congregational church, of which Dr. Burton was at that time pastor.—Ed.]

THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION.

By W. E. Brindley.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition which is being held at Portland, Oregon, this summer, is the first great fair held west of the Rocky Mountains under the sanction and patronage of the United States government. The fair, while not so large as those held at Chicago and St. Louis, is by all odds the biggest thing ever attempted in the West, and the West has put its heart into the undertaking, with the result that the Exposition, while showing many things that might have been seen at the earlier fairs, is in many ways original, and has a number of attractive features which are possible only at a fair so advantageously situated.

The state of Oregon appropriated for the fair \$450,000, equal to nearly a dollar for every man, woman and child within its boundaries, and the sale of stock in the fair corporation brought in \$430,000. Other western states made generous appropriations.

The fair on opening day, June 1, represented an expenditure of \$5,000,000 and its exhibits have an estimated value of five times that sum. The participa-

tion which the United States government has provided could not be duplicated for \$800,000, although not all of this sum was appropriated especially for Portland.

The specific historical event which the Lewis and Clark Centennial commemorates is one worthy a great enterprise of its nature—the exploration by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark of the great Pacific Northwest and the discovery by them of an overland route to the Pacific Ocean, an accomplishment which added 307,000 square miles to the territory of the United States.

One purpose of the exposition is the exploitation of the Pacific Northwest with a view to attracting settlers, and while the national aspect of the fair is

The city of Portland, which is the nation's hostess this summer, is a thriving town of 140,000 inhabitants, the metropolis of Oregon and the port of a vast tributary territory of wonderful fertility. Portland people are eager to attract settlers either to their city or to the tributary country, and are doing everything in their power to encourage immigration, while the railroads have co-operated by making extremely low rates and providing for numerous stop-overs on which delightful side trips may be taken.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds have natural advantages which are far superior to sites for earlier fairs. The entrance gates are only fifteen minutes by street car from the downtown portion of the city, and open upon an



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assured by government participation and representation on the part of fourteen states and the enterprise is made world-wide in its scope through participation of some sort by nearly every nation on the globe, the efforts of the fair management have been directed primarily toward securing adequate representation of the resources of the Pacific Northwest. Every state in this new country is represented by a building and a comprehensive display, while many counties in Oregon, and not a few in the adjoining states, have individual displays. As a result, it is possible for a prospective settler to make a careful study of the various districts of the Pacific Northwest before deciding where he wishes to locate, without the time and expense of a tour of the country.

Exposition which is laid out charmingly and with such good taste that, while the buildings are not crowded together, the long miles of weary wanderings which visitors to earlier fairs recall so vividly are avoided. The grounds embrace 126 acres of charming woodland, and a natural lake of 220 acres, in the center of which is a peninsula, 60 acres in extent, where the United States government's five magnificent buildings are located.

Five of the principal exhibit palaces, the Forestry, Oriental Exhibits, European Exhibits, Agriculture, and Varied Industries buildings, occupy a slightly elevated plateau, with their short ends facing the water feature, Guild's lake. The central feature of the Exposition, Columbia Court, which consists of two

wide avenues with beautiful sunken gardens between, occupies the space between the Agricultural and European Exhibits buildings, and a broad flight of steps, called the Grand Stairway, leads from the court to the music shell on the shore of the lake. The Auditorium, the Machinery, Electricity, and Transportation building and the Mines and Metallurgy building, occupy a court east of the main group; while the state buildings, manufacturers' pavilions, Fine Arts Museum, and miscellaneous structures are grouped about the principal exhibits buildings. The Administration and Fire Department buildings flank the

ernment building reflected in it, the government peninsula with its staff palaces clustering among the trees, the Willamette river in the near distance, and beyond, half a hundred miles away, four snow-capped sentinels of the Cascade range, Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainier.

In the western part of the grounds a considerable portion of the site has been left almost in its natural state, forming Centennial Park, a charming piece of woodland intersected by winding graveled paths, and provided with numerous rustic benches where weary

is an ornate structure of wood and staff, built in imitation of solid masonry, which connects the mainland and the government peninsula. The landward end, which is built to a width of 150 feet for a distance of 800 feet, is called the Trail, and is the amusement street of the Western World's Fair. Here are situated the theaters and other amusement structures, and the entertainments are, as a class, superior to those which have been offered at earlier expositions.

Such are the principal distinctive features. The plan of segregating exhibits has proved extremely popular. All the European exhibits are displayed in one building, and all the Oriental displays in another, while the states which have separate pavilions have gathered all their exhibits within their own buildings.

The Forestry building is in itself an exhibit of the forest wealth of the country which the fair is designed to exploit. Built after the manner of an immense log house, which covers half a city block, of forest giants as thick as a man is tall, the building is an architectural triumph. It is a source of pride to Oregonians and of never-ending admiration to easterners, who would not have believed that such mighty trees grew outside of California, nor that so handsome a structure could be erected from the crude products of the forest.

THE UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION.

As we go to press the sixteenth annual convention of the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist Church, is already in progress, but we give the programs in full herewith:

Wednesday, July 12.

Opening rally and assembling of delegates.

7:30 p. m.—Service of song, Secretary Harry Adams Hersey, presiding.

8 p. m.—Welcome service, Mr. Herbert E. Belden, chairman of Hartford 1905 local committee, presiding.

Prayer, Rev. Alfred J. Cardall of Connecticut.

Address of welcome, from the city, His Honor, Mayor William F. Henney; from the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. John Coleman Adams, D.D.

Music, chorus.

Greetings from the denomination, from the Universalist General Convention, Rev. John Coleman Adams, D.D.; from the Woman's Centenary association, Mrs. Grace Lucas Holden.

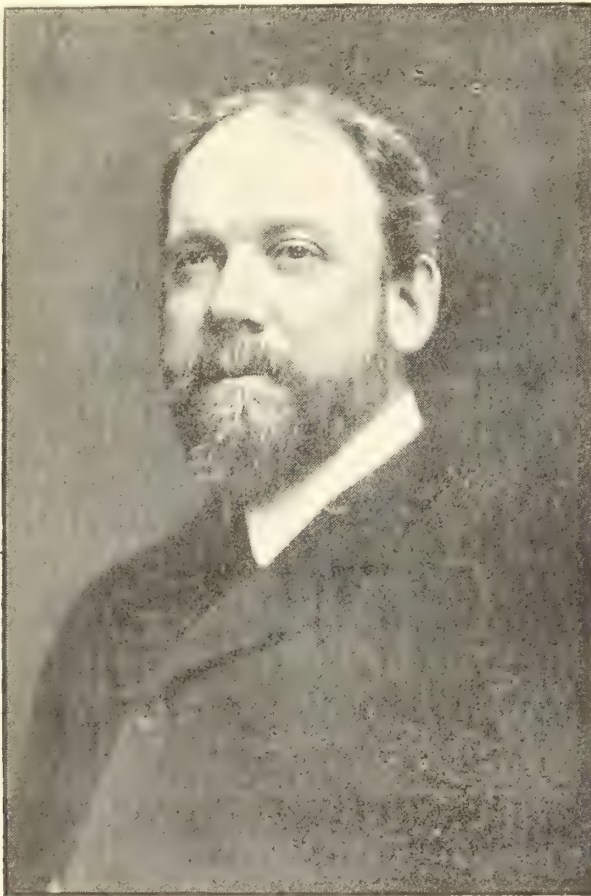
Music, trio.

Response and president's annual address, President Louis Annin Ames.

Appointment of sessional committees.

Thursday, July 13.

8:15 a. m.—Devotional meeting, "How



REV. JOHN COLEMAN ADAMS, D. D.
Pastor Church of the Redeemer.

main entrance, and an ornate colonnade of Ionic columns forms a bow that connects these structures.

While the fair in many respects is similar to former enterprises of a like nature, it has a number of distinctive features that rank as notable attractions. The site itself is one of unusual attractiveness, and the setting which Nature has given it enhances its beauty. The foothills of the Cascade range reach down to the western edge of the grounds. From Lakeview Terrace, at the head of the Grand Stairway, the view embraces the shimmering lake, with the twin towers of the main gov-

sightseers may rest. Beyond the park, in a small canyon, are the Experimental Gardens, another unique feature, wherein all kinds of western crops are seen as they actually grow. An ever-popular promenade, called the Lake Shore Esplanade, extends the length of the grounds, roughly parallel with the lake shore, being built like a bridge on piles over the water. The promenade is a mile long, and connects the group of state buildings on the east with the American Inn at the west, passing the music shell, and intersecting the Bridge of Nations.

This bridge, nearly half a mile long,

shall we Foster the Devotional Spirit?" Miss Laura I. Kendall, leader.

9 a. m.—Organization of the convention:

1. Roll call.
2. Department reports.
3. Missionary reports.

Recess.

2:30 p. m.—Postoffice mission congress, conducted by Mrs. Emma Keene Bushee.

3:30 p. m.—Christian citizenship congress:

Patriotic music.

General discussion of "The Most Practical Work a Union Can Do to Promote Civic Welfare."

4:30 p. m.—State union congress, conducted by Rev. John Murray Atwood.

Recess.

7:30 p. m.—Service of song, Rev. Charles Huntington Pennoyer, president of Vermont and Province of Quebec Y. P. C. U., presiding.

Music, chorus.

8 p. m.—Address, "Universalism the Religion of a Healthy Mind," Rev. Henry R. Rose.

Music, alto solo.

8:30 p. m.—Address, "The Naturalness of Religion," Rev. Leroy W. Coons.

Friday, July 14.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional meeting, "Singleness of Aim," Mr. Ralph M. Jones.

9:30 a. m.—Business of the convention:

1. Report of committee on official reports and recommendations.
2. Other business.

Recess.

2:30 p. m.—Junior Union session, Miss Elizabeth W. Bacon, presiding.

Address, "What the Juniors are Doing and Can do for the Church," Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart of Indiana.

2:45 p. m.—Junior Union congress, conducted by Miss Bessie P. Ropes, superintendent of Junior unions in Massachusetts.

General discussion.

4 p. m.—Symposium on the work of the local union, conducted by Miss Jennie Lois Ellis of Rhode Island.

Recess.

7:30 p. m.—Service of song, Mr. Stanley Manning, president Illinois Y. P. C. U., presiding.

7:50 p. m.—Address, "The Minister's Place in the World of Today," Rev. Lewis B. Fisher, D.D., of New York.

Music, chorus.

8:15 p. m.—Address, "Chosen Disciples," Rev. Edward Butler Saunders of Massachusetts.

Music, soprano solo.

8:40 p. m.—Address, "Some Things that Brotherhood Involves," Rev. Harry L. Canfield of Vermont.

Saturday, July 15.

6:15 a. m.—Quiet hour meeting, "Judge Not that Ye be Not Judged,"

Miss Lillian Tower of Maine, leader.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional meeting, "Following Christ," Mr. Warner Rothschild of Minnesota, leader.

9:30 a. m.—Business of the convention:

1. Report of the committee on resolutions.

2. Unfinished business.

3. Election of officers.

Recess until evening.

7:30 p. m.—Service of song, Mr. A. Ingham Bicknell, president of Massachusetts Y. P. C. U., presiding.

8 p. m.—Address, "Keep the Vision of Christ Clear," Rev. James D. Tillinghast of Pennsylvania.

Music, chorus.

8:30 p. m.—Address, "A Faith and a Name to Live," Rev. F. A. Dillingham D. D., of Connecticut.

Music, quintette.

Sunday, July 16.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional meeting, "The Giving Spirit," Mr. Dana Dewey of Connecticut, leader.

10:45 a. m.—Service of worship, occasional sermon by Rev. Frederic W. Perkins of Massachusetts.

3 p. m.—Consecration meeting.

Award of banners.

4 p. m.—Holy communion, Rev. John Coleman Adams, D.D.

4:30 p. m.—Memorial service to Rev. Elhanan Winchester, conducted by Mr. Charles Neal Barney of Massachusetts.

Sunday Evening.

Grand mass meeting at Parsons' theatre. Doors open at 7 o'clock; President Louis Annin Ames presiding.

Address, "The Master's Message," Rev. Stephen Herbert Roblin, D.D., of Massachusetts.

Music, Tempo Quartet.

Address, "Dogmatic Universalism," Rev. Frederick William Betts, D.D., of New York.

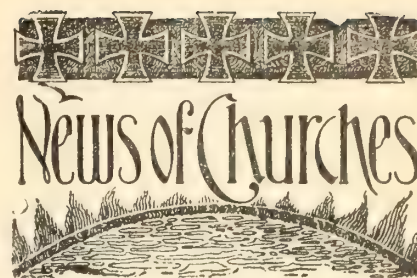
Music, Tempo Quartet.

Address, "What Then?" Rev. Frank Oliver Hall, D.D., of New York.

Music, Tempo Quartet.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (17, 18, 19), will be taken up by excursions of interest about Hartford and surrounding towns.

The American Baptist Missionary Union station at Swatow, in China, is to have a building erected for a theological seminary. The land and building are a present from the veteran missionary, Dr. William Ashmore, and his family. The gift was announced on Dr. Ashmore's eightieth birthday. The Presbyterian station at Canton has received a similar gift from some of its missionaries for a building for the theological seminary at Canton, as a memorial of Mr. R. V. Noyes, who died at Canton last year.



WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Children's Sunday was observed June 18, with a children's concert in the evening.

Ten of our young people united with the church on probation.

June 19, Mr. Tompkins, our pastor, went away on his much needed vacation. He is expected home July 16.

The choir gave, Friday, June 23, a lawn festival on the church lawn, which had been several times postponed because of the rain. It was a success.

On June 29, Rev. W. A. Richards held the first quarterly conference of the year.

The Epworth League is planning to have an ice-cream sale on Mr. Whiting's lawn, some time next week.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

The evening services of the church and the C. E. society meetings have been discontinued during the months of July and August.

A "mite-jug breaking" was held at the church on Friday evening, July 7. The result of the evening's work was \$37.14, which went toward the carpet fund. Twenty-three of the jugs have not been broken and we are hoping that they will contain enough to make up the deficiency.

On Friday, July 14, our Sunday-school joined with Grace chapel and St. Paul's M. E. church in a union picnic, held at Riverside Grove, near Suffield, Conn.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school was held at Hanover park, Meriden, on Thursday, July 6. Nearly three hundred participated in the excursion, which was voted by all the most successful in years. The nine of the Church of the Good Shepherd was taken along as guests, and a good game was played at the park, upon the arrival of the party. The Crusaders of Christ church won. The score was 11 to 6. After luncheon there was a bowling match, which was won by a team from the Good Shepherds. Later, a very good boat race, single sculls, was rowed between oarsmen representing the two parishes, and victory again favored the Good Shepherds. The weather was

perfect and the day very enjoyable.

The parish house at Christ church is being painted and generally put in order during the summer, and promises to be very fresh and attractive in the fall.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Our annual camping out has already commenced. Camp meeting and vacation will deplete our number till the fall season.

The Springfield camp meeting opens August 4, and the church will be closed the first two Sundays in August in consequence.

The annual meeting of the Christian Burden Bearers, a life insurance company for Christians of any and all denominations, was held at the church, Tuesday evening, July 11.

We are informed that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crocker, who left us some months ago, for a residence in Sandusky, O., are about to return for a two months' visit. This is pleasant news, and we shall be very glad to meet them again.

VILLAGE STREET MISSION.

The Sunday-school will be continued through July and flowers are distributed every Sunday. The attendance is good considering the intense heat.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school took place June 17, and all had a most enjoyable time.

Fresh-air outings are planned for the summer months for mothers and children, and it is hoped that many tickets can be distributed through the kindness of the *Courant* Fresh Air Fund, so that all people from the heated tenements can escape to the cooler atmosphere of the parks and suburbs.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

On Sunday, June 24, our Children's Day exercises were held. During the exercises an offering was taken toward paying the support of "Mungelo," a little boy of the famine district of North India, whom the mission has been supporting about six years. Rev. Charles Fisher, formerly of the seminary, now field secretary of Sunday work in California, has been visiting his friends in the mission.

Our superintendent, Mr. Charles Agard, and family, have returned from a two weeks' outing at Grove Beach, where Mr. Agard established his reputation as being a second Izaak Walton.

The King's Daughters and the Ladies' Aid society have discontinued their meetings during the summer, both organizations holding their last meeting at Elizabeth park, where refreshments were served.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The chorus of the choir are enjoying a vacation at this time, having the month of July for that purpose. The quartet will be absent Sundays in August.

The Sunday-school picnic was held at Forest park on July 11. The scholars were supplied with free tickets and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended.

The rector will have his vacation during August.

Rev. Mr. R. L. Sheffield of Woodbury, Conn., will conduct the services for a part of August.

Mr. A. M. Hollingshead, our organist, is to spend his vacation in Europe during August. Mr. J. R. Barlow will preside at the organ in his absence.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

St. Thomas' church will be closed during the entire month of August.

Sunday evening, June 18, a class of fourteen children of the Sunday-school were graduated from the primary to the senior department. There were appropriate exercises, with an address by our rector. At the close of the address, each child was presented with a diploma. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presentation of prayer books to a number of children, for excellence in recitation, and regularity of attendance.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school was held at Laurel park, Monday, July 10. About one hundred and fifty attended. The day was pleasant though rather hot, but everyone seemed to have a good time.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Laurel park, on Tuesday, July 11.

On Sunday, July 16, Rev. E. W. Potter of Jewett City, will exchange with our pastor.

Mr. A. E. Fish has gone to Baltimore as our delegate to the C. E. convention.

During July and August there is but one service Sunday evening, from 6:30 to 7:30.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Young People's meeting, Thursday evening meeting, and the Sunday-school have closed for the summer.

The usual picnic was held at Laurel park. A delightful place for such a gathering.

We very much regret the loss to our church of one of its most loved and useful members, Miss Mary S. Robinson, who was married in the church Thursday afternoon, June 1, to Dr.

Adrian Van Lindern Lambert of New York city, where they will reside, after their return from Europe.

The church will probably be closed, after next Sunday, for repairs.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The annual excursion of the Sunday-school was held July 12, at Forest park, Springfield, Mass.

The Epworth league was delightfully entertained at a lawn party at the residence of Miss May L. Jackson, 647 New Britain avenue, on the evening of June 30.

The usual twilight services on Sunday evenings have been resumed for the summer season.

The deaconess for our church has arrived, and is staying at the parsonage.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The first Sabbath in this month twelve united with our church on confession.

This month our benevolent contributions are for the American Missionary association.

Our pastor takes his vacation in August, spending most of it in Lynn, Mass.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Dr. Stone's condition is greatly improved, but he is still unable to meet his friends. He sent a letter to the church, which was read by Mrs. Stone at the Thursday evening meeting.

The Sunday morning service and Thursday evening prayer meeting continue, but all other services of the church are discontinued for the present.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

On Wednesday evening, July 12, the opening exercises of the sixteenth annual national convention of the Young People's Christian Union, took place. Delegates were present from all over the United States and Canada. Mayor William F. Henney welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city, and the Rev. John Coleman Adams, pastor, spoke on behalf of the church.

According to the arranged program, the meetings Thursday, Friday and Saturday will open about 8:30 a. m., and continue till 8:30 or 9:30 p. m. Saturday, the business meeting will occur, followed by election of officers for the coming year.

Following the special services of Sunday, during which our former pastor, Rev. Frederick W. Perkins, will deliver a discourse on "Occasional Sermons," there will be, at 7:30 in the evening, a grand mass meeting in Parsons' theatre. At this meeting there will be a number

of addresses by prominent ministers of the Universalist Church.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the coming week, a number of excursions in and about the city have been planned, by way of entertainment for the delegates, and it is believed that all will leave Hartford feeling well repaid.

Many of our young people, and our older members, too,—volunteered their services during the convention, with the result that there was plenty of assistance in all the different departments of the work necessitated by the convening of such a large body of people. Many of our members provided for delegates in their own homes, while others were well cared for at the hotels.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Under the auspices of the Dorcas society, Rev. Mr. Jackson of the Open Hearth, gave an illustrated lecture on "Ben-Hur." It was a most interesting entertainment. About \$20 was raised for the carpet fund.

The Children's Day service was held on a recent Sunday. The number of scholars enrolled is 135, of whom 122 were present. Great credit is due Mrs. A. C. Thompson and her willing helpers, for the success of the event.

The Sunday-school picnic was well represented by members of the school and was a very enjoyable affair, the school, as usual, uniting with the First Baptist Sunday-school.

We trust that our pastor, Rev. J. B. Connell, will have a restful vacation. We are all glad to hear that his son, who so miraculously escaped drowning, is gaining in strength.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The Sunday-school held its annual picnic last week at Riverside park, in Agawam, Mass. Over one hundred went on the special car to the park. The day was a pleasant one and the whole occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The rector goes on his vacation the first of the coming month, to be gone through August. The pulpit supplies have not yet been arranged.

The attendance at services during these summer months appears to be larger than we usually expect at this season, a fact that is most gratifying.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. William De Loss Love of the Farmington Avenue church occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning, June 4. His excellent sermon on "Unrequited Service," made a deep impression on his audience. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, a stereopticon lecture on northern

Palestine was held in the auditorium.

Sunday, June 11, was observed as Children's Day. Six infants were baptized and Bibles were presented to several children who were baptized seven years ago. Rev. T. M. Hodgdon addressed the children, briefly, and solos were sung by Mrs. C. W. Turner and Mr. W. H. Goodacre. At the conclusion of the service, flowers were given to every child present. At 5 o'clock a children's service of music and recitations was held.

The members of the graduating class of the West Hartford high school, with the undergraduates and instructors, attended the morning service at this church on Sunday, June 18, entering as a processional. The pastor, Rev. T. M. Hodgdon, preached especially to the graduating class, inculcating the principles of self-sacrifice and service.

The Rev. E. C. Fellowes of Unionville, occupied the pulpit on Sunday, June 25, in exchange with our pastor.

The interior of the church is to be redecorated soon, necessitating the erection of a staging during the progress of the work. Sunday services will be held in the former church, now the town hall.

The Men's union held a banquet in the church dining rooms on Tuesday evening, June 6. Rev. T. M. Hodgdon acted as toastmaster. A male quartet rendered several selections.

The annual prize drill of Company C, Boys' Brigade, was held in the town hall on Friday evening, June 9. After the exhibition and prize drills, there was a sale of home-made candy.

The Christian Endeavor society held a lawn social on Friday evening, June 23.

A reception was given to the Rev. T. M. Hodgdon and Mrs. Hodgdon on Monday evening, June 26, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgdon were invited out to dinner, and upon returning found an assemblage at the parsonage. D. D. Marsh, in a felicitous manner, presented to them, on behalf of the parishioners, a purse containing \$75 in gold.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school was held last Saturday at Rainbow park. Five special cars, well-filled, conveyed the party. The arrangements were in charge of Superintendent Watson Woodruff. There was a ball game, boating and other sports. The occasion was a wholly enjoyable one.

Last Sunday evening the male quartet of Atlanta University sang a number of old-time negro religious songs, such as "In My Heart," "Were you There?" "Hol' de Light," "Ole-Time Religion," and "Steal Away." An address was

given by George A. Towns, a graduate of Atlanta and of Harvard, and at present a professor of English and Pedagogy in Atlanta.

Rev. H. H. Kelsey, the pastor, preached last Sunday morning on "Building According to the Divine Pattern."

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. Robert F. Wheeler, of the Talcott Street Congregational church, preached in exchange with the pastor, Rev. H. E. Peabody, on Sunday last, and a good sized congregation was present to enjoy the service.

Arrangements are being made for the annual picnic of the Sunday-school. It is not yet decided, however, where it will be held.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

During the absence of the pastor on his vacation, a number of ministers from other cities are occupying the pulpit for our Sunday services.

One of the chimneys over our Sunday-school building was used during the early part of the week for attaching one end of a cable, from which hung a banner for guiding delegates to the Young People's Christian Union Convention, at the Universalist Church. The chimney proved too weak for the strain and it toppled over and down upon the sidewalk. Luckily no one was injured, but one or two ladies had rather narrow escapes.

Several of our usual services have been discontinued during the summer months.

The man who disobeys the higher law, to whose existence his reason and conscience testify, not only makes war upon himself, but also upon his neighbor. Truth and love are the bonds of society; in rejecting these men introduce into society confusion and every evil work.—Washington Gladden.

A well-known professor has a bright boy, who one day at the age of four appeared in his father's study clasping in his hands a forlorn-looking little chicken, which had strayed from a neighboring incubator.

"Willie," said his father, "take that chicken back to its mother."

"Ain't dot any mudder," answered Willie.

"Well, then, take it back to its father," said the professor, determined to maintain his authority.

"Ain't dot any fader," said the child "Ain't dot anythin' but an old lamp."

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* Editorial. *

A NOTABLE GATHERING OF UNI- VERSALIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

For a year past the young people of our Universalist church, the Church of the Redeemer, have been anticipating the national convention of the Young People's Christian union of the Universalist Church. And for several weeks past they have been actively engaged in preparing for the comfort and enjoyment of their guests, as well as for the details of the convention.

As we go to press, the convention is in progress and running smoothly on the schedule adopted. Hartford streets are brightened with young faces, and the attractive badge is much in evidence.

As a summer resort, it is feared Hartford will not prove popular to these visitors, unless the present wave of excitement passes on and is followed by a wave more cooling in its effects. We sincerely hope it will, as all of us who just participated in our fair city and a gathering of this sort is one to spread the fame of any place abroad.

The subjects chosen, and the speakers, insure a live and profitable assembly. It is hoped that many from our other young people's societies may take in some of these meetings, as they will surely profit thereby.

A feature of special interest is the service Sunday afternoon, in memory of Rev. Elhanan Winchester, the first preacher of Universalism in Hartford. His grave is in Center church burying ground, the site being marked by a monument erected by the General Convention of the Universalist Church.

Next week the visitors are to be entertained by numerous trips in this vicinity. May they find "Greater Hartford" a place to refresh the physical and mental man, as well as the spiritual.

And when they come here again,—though it be 40 years hence,—may they still prove "young people" in heart, in full enjoyment of life, in bright outlook toward the future. May perennial youth prove theirs, and perennial enthusiasm for the things of the Spirit prove theirs, until the daybreak,—the one long day which knows no ending,—until the great Convention assemble which knows no sect, nor creed; wherein all are gathered together, from every nation under the sun—brethren in very truth.

SUMMER VACATIONS.

The vacation season has arrived and the usual exodus from town to country and sea side is in progress.

The country will receive into its green fields and wide uplands many pallid children, weary of school and longing for play. Thousands of city children have no real playground, the parks being too far away to be of much practical use to them, and the streets being manifestly undesirable places for their pleasure. So when vacation arrives the mothers and fathers do their utmost to give at least a week or a fortnight's outing to their boys and girls. Some who are fortunate are able to flit away for a month or two months.

The summer scattering depletes the city pews. Does it necessarily crowd the country churches? Are the Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor societies strengthened by the young people who spend the summer holidays in the country?

This ought to be the rule. When a family temporarily establishes itself in the village up among the hills, or the hamlet on the shore, it ought to carry there the enthusiasm and the support that newcomers bring, sustaining the pastor, and helping the church in every possible way.

And concerning the stay-at-homes, we find the "Aunt Marjorie" of a valued exchange taking the part of the men, as follows:

"The summer scattering may leave fathers and husbands and grown up brothers very lonely in town. They cannot secure the leisure that is the portion of women and children. I plead in behalf of the men who must stay at home, that they be not left in utter forlornness. No man should spend weeks in a solitary and forsaken house. Illness or accident may occur, and a man alone, suffers great pain and peril because there is no one to minister to him, or go for a doctor. If nothing untoward happens there is still mental depression that falls with leaden weight on the spirits of a man who enters a silent house, where everything is wrapped in linen, the familiar objects of beauty packed away, and no voice of love gives a cordial greeting. Two or three men should club together while the families are away and where the daughters are grown, it is not too much to ask that they alternate in staying at home during the summer scattering, to look after the business men who cannot get away."

TWO GREAT CONVENTIONS.

Two notable conventions were held last week, that of the National Educational Association at Ocean Grove, and the twenty-second International Christian Endeavor Convention at Baltimore, Md. Each was characterized by the enthusiasm born of large numbers, and of devotion to a great and common cause.

The addresses at Ocean Grove by President Roosevelt and Mayor McClellan, and by some of the most prominent educators of the country, all conceded that education was fundamental to intelligent citizenship. The assembling of these thousands of educators is indicative of a general desire to discover and remedy the shortcomings of present systems and to carry education forward in right principles and methods. It was made apparent by the papers and addresses and discussions that the most experienced educators are not yet agreed as to what is best in every particular; that in some respects our whole system of education is yet in the experimental stage. Many claimed improvements are yet to be tested by their results, and much that is thought to be progress may prove to be retrogression. Much benefit must be reaped from a comparison of views and methods with their results, for which these great conferences afford an opportunity.

At the Christian Endeavor Convention the annual report of the general secretary of the United Society, Mr. Von Ogden Vogt, was awaited, as at previous conventions, with deep interest. The report was very full, and indicated gratifying growth and encouraging progress along all lines of work.

There are today 66,772 societies of Christian Endeavor, 49,339 are in the United States and Canada, and 17,433 in other lands. The ten denominations in the United States which have the largest numbers in the order named are Presbyterian, Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Baptist, Cumberland Presbyterian, Methodist Protestant, Lutheran, Dutch Reformed, Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren. In Canada the Methodists lead, followed by the Presbyterians. The net gain of societies at home for the year has been 2,014. As to the growth abroad the report says: "The net increase percentages figure all the way from ten, twenty and fifty-nine per cent. gains of Great Britain, India and Africa, up to the 333 per cent. increase in Hungary. And oftentimes there is work flourishing unknown. Seven societies, for example, with 500 Endeavorers, were found in the Ellice Islands. In one of the Loyalty Islands there are a thousand Endeavorers out of a total population of seven thousand, first reported this year. A letter from Ram Allah, Palestine, last month, referring to a published report, says: "You count only one society for Palestine. There are four here in Ram Allah, and I know of one in Jerusalem, and we hope for more."

The Endeavorers have also given nobly again this year. Full support for some native foreign worker is provided by 125 societies. The amounts given by 10,000 societies aggregate for missions alone \$228,840, which surpasses that of any previous year. The same societies report \$268,960 given for miscellaneous causes. The roll of those who give a tenth numbers 21,794.

The secretary called attention to the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement, which will be celebrated a few months hence. The growth of the movement has surely been phenomenal. Within the compass of twenty-five years of its existence it has grown from one society to more than 66,000; from less than fifty members to nearly 4,000,000, besides many millions more who have graduated into other lines of church work. It has found its way into every part of the world. It is established now in sixty different nations and colonies, among peoples who speak nearly one hundred different languages and dialects, into which its constitution and some portions of its literature have been translated. Its weekly or monthly publications are found in almost every civilized country and tongue.

The review is to that degree encouraging that we do not wonder at the secretary's prediction that henceforth there would be new progress in young people's work; that the next ten years of Christian Endeavor would witness

advances far wider and deeper than the last ten years.

Secretary Wilson has severely shocked the railroads of the country by causing to be prepared against them 1,200 suits for violation of the law, which requires that stock in transit shall be unloaded for food, water and rest at least once in every 28 hours and shall be permitted to remain unloaded for not less than five hours. It is not certain that all of these suits will be prosecuted, but they will be at least pushed so far as to insure observance of the law by the railroads for some time to come. Every conviction under the law implies a fine of \$500 on the offending railroad.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union held its last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Linn, on Arnold-dale road. A large number were present and were pleasantly entertained with music and brief talks by the members.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Adjourned to meet on September 12, in G. A. R. hall, Cheney building.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

On the Fourth of July the family, with friends, in all numbering between fifty and sixty, went by trolley to Wethersfield and from there by teams to a grove in Griswoldville, where they spent a most enjoyable day.

Through the kindness of a member of the committee, ice-cream was served at the home in the evening.

Mrs. Coates and her daughter, Louise, are spending their vacation in Colebrook, Conn.

The flowers contributed weekly by the Wethersfield Flower mission, are much appreciated.

The Sunday services are conducted as usual, and they prove most helpful.

At present our family is large.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

At the Home the children are enjoying the summer days to the fullest extent. They had marching and a good celebration on the Fourth of July, and plenty of fire crackers and harmless

torpedoes. At both the boys' and girls' houses an extra entertainment was given by the children, including cakes and lemonade.

About thirty of the children will be taken to Woodmont cottage, July 22. Miss Emma Griswold is at the post as matron, and writes that she is "happier than ever." Miss Griswold has taken charge of Playridge cottage every year since it was opened in 1901 and is enthusiastic over its pleasures for the children. The society is receiving many applications from parties wishing to go there for a week or two weeks for rest and change, and all will probably be accommodated. It is expected that a party from the Hartford branch will be made up to go to the cottage for a basket picnic some time in early August.

The society has received a gift of \$100 from Mrs. M. S. Chapman of Manchester for the school house fund. This gift is much appreciated, as well as many others received of late. Mr. Robert Simonds of Warehouse Point, has sent a check for \$25. Mrs. E. M. Burrall, Waterbury, \$25, Mr. Buell Hemmingsway, Watertown, \$25, and Dr. John L. Buell, Litchfield, \$20.

Miss Griswold, secretary of the state society, went to Middlefield on the 7th of July, and met the Mizpah circle of King's Daughters at the house of Mrs. F. B. Newton. Members were present from the Durham circle; also from Middletown.

The circles were interested to hear of the work of the Children's Aid society, and especially about the Home for Incurables at Newington, as the Middlefield circle has frequently sent gifts for the children in the form of Christmas presents, clothing and money. They also expect to give a lawn festival July 18, for the benefit of the home.

At the directors' meeting held July 3, it was reported that eleven children had been placed in family homes during the quarter, seven children relocated, and eleven boarding children received into care.

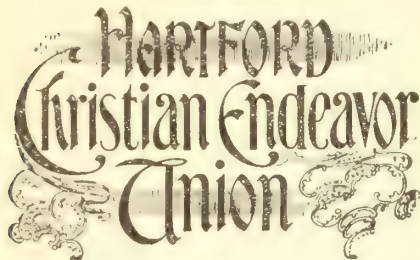
Three children were in hospital care, and six admissions were made to the home. The calls at the office, and correspondence increased during the quarter.

The Good Samaritan Chapter of King's Daughters have discontinued their regular meetings for the summer, but are planning to hold a picnic with their blind friends when the weather shall be a little cooler.

The Sunshine society has enrolled a good number of new members during the month past.

On Thursday, July 6, the Sunshine society's picnic occurred, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable event. There

were about seventy in the party and the day was spent in games, in reading, in pleasant conversation, and, at half-past twelve, lunch was served and that was enjoyed thoroughly also. The day was a beautiful one in Elizabeth park, as elsewhere, and it was a treat to many to see the rose garden and the other flowers and shrubs in the park. It is a day likely to be long remembered by those who took part in the outing.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Endeavor Friends:

During the next few weeks a great many of you will leave your homes for the annual vacation, going in all directions, far and wide.

Have you ever given thought to the fact that a vacation opens up to you grand opportunities for Endeavor work? Well, it certainly does.

I look back on vacations of my own and can see so many opportunities that I failed to grasp and some that I seized.

Among our New England hills, where many of us go, there are small societies that you can help wonderfully by a visit and a few words of encouragement.

You know how glad we are in our own societies to have visitors, especially if they make themselves right at home. Try the plan this summer and you will be surprised by the help you give and by the help you receive. You will return with a large stock of experience to use in your own society work.

Wishing you all a happy vacation, I am,

Yours in Christian Endeavor,

ALBERT H. BROOKS, *President.*

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

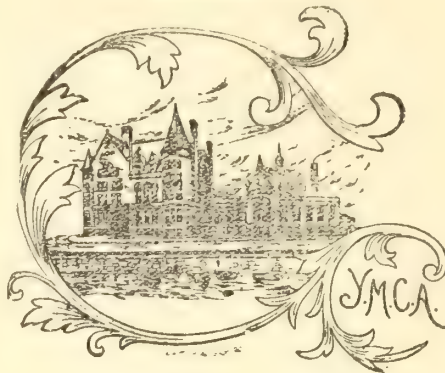
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2. The making of a Christian; his destiny. 1 John 2: 15-17; 3: 1-3.
9. The indwelling Christ. Col. 2: 6-10; 3: 8-16.
16. The message of the flowers. Matt. 26: 28-31; Jas. 1: 9-11.
23. Preparing for our heavenly home. Phil. 3: 20, 21; Heb. 11: 8-10, 13-16.
30. Missions in Japan. Mic. 5: 2, 4, 12, 13.

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6. The first fruits for God. Lev. 23: 9-14; Deut. 16: 9-12.
13. The building of character. 2 Pet. 1: 1-11; Jude 20, 21.

20. The duty of winsomeness. Prov. 15: 13-15; 17: 22; 1 Cor. 9: 19-22.
27. Mission work among women. Acts 16: 13-18; Titus 2: 3-5.
(*Home and foreign fields.*)



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

A jolly party of thirty-three boys left Hartford on July 1 for Camp Jewell, West Swanzey, N. H. This number was increased later so that the camp consists of forty-two persons. This is the largest number of boys who have attended the camp. A new and attractive feature this year is the recently erected dining hall, which, in addition to the usual attraction of such places, has the addition of a piano. Three boys are musicians, violinist, cornetist and pianist, and for an hour after dinner there is a concert, both instrumental and vocal. Cold and stormy evenings are spent in the same way, and there is not a minute that the boys are not having a real good time.

Each day at 8 o'clock there is a little time for Bible study. The boys are divided into three sections and some of the topics which are considered are "The Hills—Prayer," "The Birds—Dependence upon God," "The Trees—Growth," etc. Time is given to various sports, so that there is one round of good things from the time one gets up at 6:30, until after the stories have been told around the campfire. The boys break camp on July 21.

One of the new features of the Hillyer Institute is the opening of a summer school for boys of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. This school is designed to meet the need of four classes of boys: (1) Those who on account of illness or other unavoidable circumstances have fallen behind their grade and wish to catch up by summer study; (2) Those who on account of poor work or failure in examination, cannot be promoted unless they do some special work during the vacation time; (3) Those who have not fully mastered a given subject, and desire to review and strengthen themselves in that subject; (4) Those who wish to use their summer in order to earn an extra promotion.

The school meets five times a week, from 9 to 12. The project is heartily endorsed by the educators of the city. The chairs have been removed from Jewell Hall and seats have been put in. At first it was planned to have only one teacher, but owing to the large enrollment, 39, it was necessary to engage another. This is the first school of its kind to be opened by any association in New England and the first in a city of its size.

The Star Course of entertainments has been arranged to be given in Foot Guard Hall this winter. The dates and talent are as follows:

Monday, October 23, Roland D. Grant, A.M., M.D., in a lecture, "Snakes in Paradise;" Wednesday, November 1, Louis J. Russell, presenting "The Middleman;" Monday, November 20, President Russell H. Conwell, the author and orator, president of Temple College, Philadelphia, in a lecture, "Acres of Diamonds;" Wednesday, December 13, The Royal Italian Concert Band; Wednesday, January 17, The Manning Glee Club of Boston; Friday, February 16, The Woman's Bostonia Orchestra; Friday, March 23, Black Carl, King of Magicians; Wednesday, April 18, The Hawthorne Musical club.

The Huntsinger Business School "Journal" for July is out and will be sent by mail upon request, or copies can be procured at the office. It is brimful of live matter on the subject of business education and shorthand and incidentally gives a historical sketch of the school, which is full of interest and reflects great credit on the business sagacity and energy of its founder, Professor E. M. Huntsinger.

"The Little Red Book About the Busy Big School," is also a valuable publication of this school and is especially designed as a question answerer. It answers concisely the numerous questions sure to be asked by prospective pupils. A copy of this booklet, as well as the regular illustrated catalogue of the school, will be sent upon application.

MEETING OF THE HARTFORD SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' UNION.

A meeting of the Hartford Sunday-school Superintendents' Union was held in the chapel of the Fourth church on Wednesday evening, July 5, to hear reports from delegates to the Eleventh International Sunday-school Convention, convened in Toronto, Canada, June 23-27, 1905.

Fifty-three from Connecticut were in attendance, of whom more than twenty were from Hartford and the immediate vicinity.

The party left Springfield on Thursday afternoon, June 26, by special train,

in company with the Massachusetts delegation, going by train to Lewiston, thence by boat across Lake Ontario to Toronto. The headquarters of the Connecticut party was at the King Edward Hotel.

The Convention was declared by veteran workers to be the greatest Sunday-school conference in the history of the world.

Nearly 2,000 regular delegates were registered. The Toronto papers declared that nearly 10,000 strangers were in the city. All sessions of the Convention had to be held in Massey Hall, seating 5,000.

The greatest leaders in Sunday-school work from both sides of the water were present. Some of the discussions were long and animated. Notably so was the question of an optional advanced course of study to be prepared by the International Lesson Committee. There has been a great demand for such a course, especially among the schools of the Eastern states. The Lesson Committee in its report favored the publication of such a course. A motion was made to accept and adopt the report of the committee. Prof. Hamill of Tennessee immediately proposed an amendment opposing the adoption of the advanced course. The matter was sharply contested. When a vote was taken 602 favored the course, while 617 opposed its adoption. The situation for a time seemed grave, indeed, until Prof. Hamill moved a reconsideration of the question, saying that he was amazed to find how large a number desired the Advanced Course. His motion that such an optional series of lessons be prepared was almost unanimously carried. Without question this was the most important action taken and was in line with the action at Denver, in 1902, when the optional two years' Beginners' Course was granted.

No one who went to Toronto could fail to be impressed with the tremendous importance of the Sunday-school as a feature of church work. Men of world-wide repute in the business world were present and are giving liberally of their time and money to further progress along these lines.

These and many further points of interest were brought out as the following program was presented to the Hartford Union.

"Our Friends and Hosts," Curtis P. Gladding; "Halls and Churches," Miss Hazel Strant; "The Quiet Hour," Miss C. E. Bartlett; "Primary and Junior Work," Miss Minnie A. Dougherty; "The Adult Department," Mrs. Fannie E. Kibbe; "The Superintendents' Conference," J. Robert Kane; "The Home Department," Miss Mazie Strant; "Our Missionaries and Their Work," Miss Alice M. Engel; "Organization and Education," Rev. Elliott F. Talmadge.

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OPEN HEARTH.

Notwithstanding the heat of the weather now upon us, the number of applicants for lodgings and work at the Open Hearth continues, and while not as large as in the fall and winter, is large enough to require the charity and care of our superintendent and his helpers.

The attendance at the meetings is quite large for the season. On pleasant evenings the meetings are held on the green at the rear of the house, which is a great improvement over the low ceiled and close room, where exercises of the Open Hearth are generally held, and will be until the new building contemplated is erected.

By the kindness of Mr. Aner Sperry, a delightful excursion down the river was given, which pleased the children and all who participated in it. To have the gratitude of the little ones and their friends is something worth having and Mr. Sperry has their thanks, and his kindness will be long remembered.

The children's playground on the east side of the house is a source of enjoyment to great numbers of the children of the east side, who come from all quarters. The children are of all ages and are made welcome so long as good order is observed.

The Open Hearth is continually increasing in influence and usefulness, and in the respect and love of our citizens, who see in it a means of helping the unfortunate and giving to those who desire to lead a better life, the opportunity.

The frequent visits of Mr. Thomas H. Day, chaplain at the jail, are fully appreciated, as well as the services of Mr. John W. Keyes in taking the Thursday evening meetings. We should be glad at any time to see our friends, and they should not forget that clothing sent to us is distributed free to deserving persons and never sold. Also that those who come here need shoes, and other articles of clothing, in order to be cleaned up and made respectable. Send us a postal card or telephone and our wagon will call for your donations, and don't forget to give us an order when you need wood.

A marked temperance interest is being shown by the Mexican government. Its officers are lending a helping hand to this reformatory movement. Only recently inaugurated, the reform is awakening attention, and enlisting earnest workers. The Board of Health is especially pronounced in securing efforts on its behalf. There is urgent necessity for pushing it in all directions, as the voice of alcoholism in Mexico is growing. It is said that "the mortuary sta-

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tistics every year show more and more deaths from cerebral congestion, due to the use of alcohol; and the government is alarmed at the results of the increased consumption of ardent spirits, declared by Mexican journalists to be the prime cause of four-fifths of the crimes and the most appalling poverty in the City of Mexico." Temperance text-books are being prepared, while President Diaz and his cabinet publicly and privately attest their sympathy with all practical measures to diminish the evils of intemperance.—*Presbyterian*.

The statistics of the various missionary societies for the year 1904 show that during the past year more than \$20,000,000 were spent by the various boards in world-wide evangelization, an increase of about \$1,500,000, or 8 per cent. on the preceding year. The large number of about 120,000 souls were added to the various churches in foreign lands, an increase also of about 8 per cent. on the membership of the previous year. The total number of foreign missionaries in heathen countries is now about 17,000, and of native workers about 65,000. Every Lord's day a congregation of 2,300 converted heathen sits down at the communion table of the Church Universal. These, surely, are facts which bid us "thank God and take courage."—*Christian Alliance*.

A quiet conscience is a good bed-fellow. How many of our sleepless hours might be traced to our untrusting and disordered minds! They slumber sweetly whom faith rocks to sleep.—C. H. Spurgeon.

"No," she said, "I don't like cats. They're so cruel; they kill the dear little birds."

"Yes," replied the sarcastic man, "it's too bad you tender-hearted girls can't trim your hats with cats, isn't it?"—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

"To what account shall we charge these new battleships?" asked the Russian treasury official.

"The sinking fund," answered his superior wearily.

Smythe—"Remember when Chatto was married last year, how he kicked about the duplicate wedding presents?"

Browne—"Yes."

Smythe—"Well, that sort of luck seems to follow him. He had a somewhat similar complaint yesterday."

Browne—"What was it?"

Smythe—"Duplicate birthday presents. That is to say—twins."

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La Montt—"What has that to do with it?"

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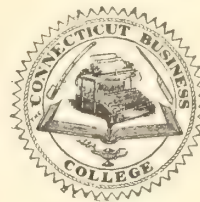
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The annual offering for the Church Prayer Book and Bible society was made on Sunday, June 18.

On Sunday, June 18, the time of Evening Prayer was changed from 7:30 to 5 p. m.

The Sunday-school meets at 9:40 a. m.

St. John's Record ceased publication with issue of June 25.

On Saturday, June 24, was held our Sunday-school picnic, at White Oak grove, New Britain. The many who went had an enjoyable time.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The members of the Sunday-school with parents and friends, went to Rainbow park, Saturday, June 17, for their annual outing and picnic. The day was pleasantly spent in playing ball, boating, bathing, etc.

Our Sunday evening service has been discontinued for the summer.

The drinking fountain is on duty constantly, and the demands upon it are many. The service of offering "a cup of cold water" might well be added to the ministry of every church, which is located in the business part of our city.

Mr. Phelps represented the school at the International Sunday-school convention, held in Toronto, June 23-27.

Mr. S. P. Davis will have charge of the Sunday-school, July 16 and 23, while Mr. Phelps is away on his vacation.

A summer choir has been organized to assist in the Sunday-school services, under the leadership of Mrs. Hubert D. Tracy.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our entertainment committee held an ice cream festival in our church parlor June 13. Both socially and financially it was a success.

Children's Day was observed June 18, with songs and recitations by the children, conducted by Mrs. Babcock. The exercises were unusually good and interesting.

A penny-a-day bank system has been adopted by the members of the Sunday-school and congregation. The banks are to be opened at the end of each month with a social time and supper, which we trust will be a success in aiding us financially.

Mrs. Morton, one of our valued work

ers has been in poor health for some time. We trust she may regain her health soon.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

On the evenings of June 29 and 30, special services were held in the chapel, the pastor being assisted by Rev. F. A. M. Brown of New Haven, the latter service taking the form of a preparatory service to the communion, which was celebrated Sunday morning, July 2, five new members being added to the roll.

The Sunday school held its annual picnic on July 11, going to Forest park, Springfield, by special cars. The trip up to Springfield was made on the east side and the return on the west side of the Connecticut river.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our annual Sunday-school picnic was held at Glen Grove, Tuesday, July 11, and a large number of our members and friends enjoyed the day there, especially the trip down the river and back on the steamer *Madeleine*.

The teachers' meetings have been discontinued during July and August.

At the Italian meeting in our church on Sunday evening June 11, five were baptized, one of whom was a woman, which is rare in this mission work.

On Friday, June 23, the Home Department enjoyed a picnic in Elizabeth park. Two special cars took the party from the church. Cake and ice cream were served and Mrs. Dixon entertained with readings.

The mothers' meetings have been discontinued until September 13.

Five different picnics were planned from our church for Friday, June 23. The unpromising weather caused some inconvenience, but most of the programs were fully carried out.

The class of Miss Elsie Deming recently organized itself, with officers and committees. A class pin was adopted.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

On Wednesday, June 21, the What-so-ever circle were to have held the closing meeting of the season at Elizabeth park, but owing to the weather it was held in the parlor of the church, where quite a number of the members, with friends, spent a social time.

Our Bible-school held its annual picnic at Snipsic lake, June 24. About 100 went and all reported an enjoyable time.

A St. John's Day service was held Sunday evening, June 25, which was attended by members of the Masonic lodges of Hartford and vicinity, to the number of about 300.

Tuesday evening, June 27, a lawn party was given, under the auspices of

the Junior Y. P. S. C. E.

A number of new members received the hand of fellowship on Sunday, July 2.

There will be no Junior Endeavor meetings till September 3. There will also be no further evening services till September 10.

The pulpit supplies for the summer are as follows: July 30 and August 6, Rev. Samuel G. Neil of the Second Baptist church, Philadelphia; August 13, Rev. Kittredge Wheeler, D. D., North Baptist church, Camden, N. J., former pastor of this church; August 20, Rev. R. F. G. Pierce, D.D., Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist church, August 27, Rev. S. Burnham, D.D., Colgate university.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meetings will be held at 7 p. m. instead of 6:15 p. m., during the summer.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christian Endeavor society will conduct the Thursday evening meetings during July and August. All who are interested in religious work are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. Norman Plass, D.D., president of Washburn college, Topeka, Kan., will preach July 23, and Rev. Carl S. Patton of Ann Arbor, Mich., on July 30.

There will be no Sunday services during August.

On June 17, the Sunday school had a jolly picnic at Hanover park, Meriden. About eighty were present.

NORTH METHODIST.

During the past month, Mr. C. W. Hills, secretary and treasurer of our Sunday-school, also one of our ushers, accepted a position in Boston. He has been very faithful in all his duties, and we regret his removal.

The Home Department of our Sunday-school, recently organized, numbers now about forty members, and the officers of the school feel very much encouraged, thus far, at the manifest interest of those who have joined.

Miss Bessie Fisher, one of our very faithful teachers and church workers, is to take a two months' trip abroad, sailing this week, and we trust that she will be returned to us safely in due time.

Mr. Harold Cleasby has this past week returned from an extended tour through many of the European countries.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Howell, leaves this week for the Plainville camp ground where he will stay the remainder of July, joining his family at Southold, L. I., the first of August for that month. He will occupy the pulpit on Sundays during July.

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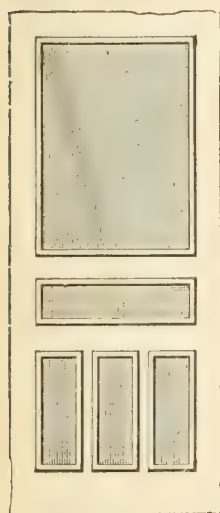
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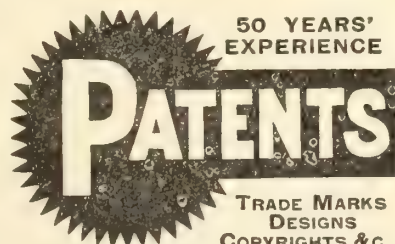
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Ida M. Tarbell contributes her first word on the personality of Rockefeller to the July *McClure's*. A study of the character of this "most important man in the world," by the biographer of Napoleon and of Lincoln and the historian of Standard Oil, is a literary event of real importance. Miss Tarbell is the greatest woman historian, and she is the greatest authority on Standard Oil. The man she writes about, more than any other figure in the recent history of our country, insistently demands attention and, as Miss Tarbell says, "the public not only has the *right* to know what sort of a man he is, it is the *duty* of the public to know."

The July *Woman's Home Companion*, from its striking and "summery" cover to its last page of cheerful humor, is up to the standard which this publication has made for itself. A half-dozen special articles, including one on "The Epworth League," by the editor of *The Epworth Herald*, are richly illustrated.

Gunter's Magazine for July contains the concluding chapters of Mr. Gunter's

remarkable detective story, "The Double Awakening of Mr. Woodhouse." In addition there is a varied assortment of interesting reading matter. The extraordinary adventures of the person who was "Rescued by a Marine Monster," are sufficient to stir one's blood. "The Three Troopers," "The Blue Kimono," "The Truth About Tao-Wen Bridge," and "Lazybones' Games," are stories of unusual merit and cleverness.

The merits of David Graham Phillips novel, "The Plum Tree," published by the Bobbs-Merrill company of Indianapolis, and which was reviewed in these columns several months ago, have been recalled by some recent political and financial complications. This story is such a clear and familiar study of the ways and means used by the devotees of "high finance" and "high politics," that it will more than repay the reader who takes it up. He will be very much interested in a dramatic, strong narrative and,—more than that,—he will gain some very useful and enlightening information.

The Norsk Nightingale. Being the Lyrics of a "Lumberjack." By William F. Kirk. 66 pages, 16mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co.

This little volume is made up of clever verses in the Scandinavian dialect of the "lumber-jack" of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is a quaint, but musical patois, and, while it is not familiar here in the East, it will be readily understood and enjoyed by every intelligent reader.

Mr. Kirk is a pioneer in this literary field. He handles pathos and humor with equal delicacy and sincerity. "Peek-a-Boo" is very good, reminding of Field's "Little Boy Blue," while the "Sonnet on Stewed Prunes" is a cheerful conceit. Versions of historical tales such as "George Washington," "Barbara Frietchie," "Sheridan's Ride," and others. The book is attractively bound and printed and has appropriate illustrations.

The July number of *Recreation* will delight the sportsman's heart. It contains some of the most interesting hunting and fishing stories imaginable, and the departments are brimful of splendid hints for the man who goes to the woods and waters for pleasures, sport and health.

The *Cosmopolitan Magazine* has recently changed hands and is now published by the International Magazine company. There is a very marked improvement in its general appearance and its contents.

Bushido, the Soul of Japan. By Inazo

Nitobe, 203 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.25.

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Young Japan. By James A. B. Scherer, Ph.D. 328 pages, 12mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott. Price \$1.50.

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Story Writing and Journalism. By *Sherwin Cody*. 126 pages, 24mo. Chicago: The Old Greek Press. Price 75 cents.

While this is a very small book, there is a special compliment to be accorded it

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On Becoming Blind. By *Dr. Emile Javal*. 191 pages, 12mo. New York: The Macmillan Co.

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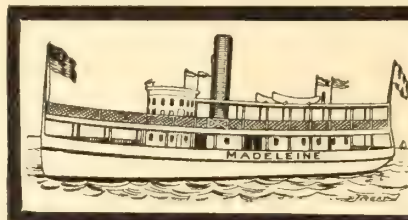
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THE WAY.

By Mary McGee Hall.

The Way is narrow, straight, and
long,

I go in tears—sometimes in song,
But not one step of joy or pain
Shall ever more be walked again.
For only once I pass this way
In traveling to the Gates of Day.

'Tis only once. Shall my heart break
Because no more this Way I take?

Shall I bewail that every night
Forever shuts the past from sight?
When sunset comes the stars arise,
And morning never fails the skies.

Upon this Way of earthly sod
Are tented angels sent of God!

So on I go—the Way is straight,
The cross of Christ my only
weight—

The weight of wings the lark must
bear

In soaring heavenward through the
air.

—The Sunday-School Times.

THE OPENING OF THE ORIENT

Twenty-five of the best men North America can send out will be at work in the great capitals, seaports and commercial cities of China, Hong Kong and Korea by January 1, engaged in establishing and directing Young Men's Christian Associations. Ten of these men will sail this fall to recruit those now on the field. Eager as they may be for work, it will take the men two years to learn

the language and acquaint themselves with the problems they are to meet. Before them also are the period of adjustment to the climate and the racial adaptation to the new customs and habits of a foreign people. Before them also are the responsibility and the privilege of disciplining in their generation the now awakened, eager and ambitious young men of the Orient, upon whom rests more than upon any generation of young men for a thousand years the destiny of this nation of more than 400,000,000 people. Work has been well begun in the leading cosmopolitan cities of Shanghai, Tientsin, Chefoo, Kiaochau, Hong Kong and Seoul, and men are on the ground at Nanking, Foochow and Hankow. These are great centers of trade, education and influence, their populations ranging from 250,000 to 2,000,000.

A New World's Center.

The Pacific is fast becoming the center of the world. The trade of the United States with China has increased 600 per cent. since 1893. Hong Kong has grown from a barren island to the third largest port in the world; Shanghai, from an insignificant river town of a few years ago, has blossomed into almost another New York, having already more than a million inhabitants. And yet our trade with China has but begun. The recent treaty with the United States abolishes the "likin" tax, which has been one of the greatest barriers to commerce; seven thousand miles of railway are projected and some three thousand miles are just completed or are being constructed. China must have our wheat and our cotton. We are bound to see a commerce on the Pacific as much larger



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than that on the Atlantic as the population of Eastern Asia is larger than that of Europe. This means the most intimate contact of America with China, Japan and Korea. There is a new Orient, there is a new responsibility upon America for the Orient, there is a new and thrilling opportunity in the Orient.

America Responds to the Appeal.

Mr. Brockman, the national secretary for China, said, as he left for his furlough: "I am going home and will not return unless they give me ten men." Now at least ten men are ready to return with him, and Am-

erica is ready to furnish the means to send them.

The North American Associations in the past few months have embraced the opportunities given them to share in the Christianizing of these nations. Dayton, O., has increased its pledge of \$1,200 to \$3,200; Baltimore has pledged \$2,800, and will increase it to \$3,500. Canadian men have given \$3,500. The Gould Line Railroad Associations and friends have pledged \$5,000; Scranton, \$4,000; Wilkesbarre, \$2,300; Germantown, \$2,000; Camden, \$2,000; Charleston, S. C., \$2,000, and Brook-

lyn, \$3,000. Other Associations are co-operating.

A number of the amounts are guaranteed for five years, and all are made by men who are fully able to fulfil their obligations. Many directors have contributed in sums from \$100 to \$1,000. Some gentlemen have taken the salary and expenses of secretaries in certain cities. Young men have a part in the giving. The pledges were not made in enthusiastic meetings, but may be depended upon. The support will be continuous, and there is no question that the cities to be opened will respond to the leadership assured as fully as other cities in the Orient have already done.

Mr. Wanamaker's Far-Reaching Gift.

Hon. John Wanamaker, while at the Paris World's Conference, met Mott and Brockman, and with them considered where \$100,000 could best be invested for the work in the Far East. He decided to give that sum for the erection of buildings at Peking, the capital city of China; Seoul, the capital of Korea; and Kyoto, the old capital and present Buddhist center of Japan. The condition named was that the people of those cities should purchase the land. Few business men have more complete information of the Association at home and abroad. From the days when he was general secretary of the Philadelphia association he has thorough-



Thirty thousand students compete for higher degrees at the triennial examinations at Nanking. A whole day is occupied in entering at the main gate and finding their places, as shown in this picture.



Each competing student has his own stall where, in solitary confinement, he wrestles with his work. The picture shows but one corner of the great stretch of these stalls.

ly known of its work. He gave \$100,000 toward the Philadelphia building; gave a building at Madras, India, and more recently the boys' building at Calcutta, the latter costing \$15,000. In making the gift he said: "The Young Men's Christian Associations have the patent on opportunity and can act with freedom and effect if they have the necessary administrative force and financial support." It will be no small undertaking to raise the sums needed for the building sites, but there is every reason to believe it can be done. The effect on the East will be tremendous.

The great need for an Association building for Queen's College has been practically met by the liberality of

Lord Overton and Ezra H. Stevens, who have, within the last few days, made contributions of \$5,000 each toward a building to cost \$17,500. Contributions have been received from other friends for \$2,500. It is hoped that the additional \$5,000 will be secured soon, as the government has agreed to withhold the lot from the market for a brief period, and to let the Association have the property at a very low rate. One Chinese has subscribed \$5,000 of the \$10,000 needed for this purchase. The balance for the lot will be contributed by Hong Kong residents.

Gailey at Tientsin.

Gailey, the old Princeton football

player, is making as good scores at Tientsin as he did on the gridiron. The viceroy sent him this message through the mayor of the city not long ago: "You have done for us what we could not do for ourselves." A palace or official residence containing 100 rooms has been given by Chinese for the use of the Association free of rent. There is hardly a prominent man in the city who does not know Gailey personally and co-operate with him. The annual budget is \$16,500 (Mex.), paid entirely by Tientsin. Mr. Gailey gives his help freely in direction of the schools, and is becoming a real influence in the affairs of the city.

For a series of religious services to be held three days, near by club



KOREAN MEMBERS LED BY GILLETTE IN ROBERTS'S DUMB-BELL DRILL.



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rooms were offered by Confucian members, rent free. There were often 500 men in attendance, and the services, instead of closing at the end of the third day, continued. Conversions resulted and deep thought and inquiry were provoked among the men who had become open minded to the Christian gospel.

A museum is a novel feature for an Association to introduce, and yet this is becoming one of the evangelistic factors at Tientsin. The Chinese are intensely eager to learn about western civilization. Things that are simple to an American schoolboy are wonderful to them. One of their highly educated men, according to old learning, could not believe that the same sun shone on America and China. The popular idea of an earthquake is that a great elephant humps his back. Gaiety is having a globe eight feet in diameter made, to teach geography. In the museum the model of a Christian grave yard, with a church in the center and crosses marking the graves, will tell the story of the Chris-

tian faith and resurrection hope. He will use electricity to show how Christians use lightning—as a coolie might be used—as a servant rather than regard it as a power to be feared



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OLDERS' RACE AT AN ATHLETIC MEET AT YINGKOW.

the Chinese young men. The first classes advertised in Shanghai brought twice as many men as the Association rooms could hold. Then larger rooms were secured and these were crowded; then a three-story building was rented, and this was packed even to hallways and the secretary's office. The fees are considerable for these classes in English, French, German, Japanese, stenography, typewriting and the translation of official documents. There were 262 students enrolled in April and others who would have paid \$1,000 (Mex.) in fees were turned away because there was no room for them. Some of the Shanghai members have established a school in a village near the city, where they hold services on Sundays. The day school boys give \$200 a year to support this school. The College Association has another such school and meeting. Mr. Dzau met in New York, a Chinese gentleman who, learning of the Asso-

ciation school in Shanghai, asked for a letter of introduction that he might send his son to a school where the boy's morals would be guarded. Athletic field days are held twice a year, which are big events among all the Chinese college men in Shanghai, Tientsin and Hong Kong. The first foreign Association was formed in Shanghai for European and American young men, and now has 250 members. The rented building has some ten dormitories, which are always filled, a popular dining-room, billiard tables, reading and social rooms. The cricket team has won over all competitors and athletics are popular. The Chinese department has twice running beaten the foreign department at debate. A \$50,000 building provided by America is soon to be erected on a \$10,000 site, paid for by

Chinese merchants. One mandarin gave \$1,500 to this fund and seven others gave \$500 each. At Nanking, the Methodist University has a building erected by the late W. W. Cooper of Kenosha, Wis. Tientsin has \$10,000 for a building and a small sum is pledged for a lot in Seoul. A \$15,000 building is greatly needed for the Association at Queen's College, Hong Kong, which has 1,300 students, but one of whom is a Christian.

The College Association.

There are nearly fifty College Associations. These were begun by Beach and fostered by Lyon, who went to China as the first secretary of the international committee in 1895. The good confession which some of these college men made during the Boxer war is proof of what may be expected of them in the coming years when they will take their part in molding the faith of their country. When Mr. Mott made his first visit to North China in 1896, he led a number of strong young men to Christ. Among them was one who later became president of the association in his college. At the time of the Boxer uprising he was apprehended by the Boxers, who demanded that he recant. He replied by preaching Christ to them. They then cut out his tongue. They said: "We will give you one more opportunity to recant, and you may indicate that you do recant by bowing your head." He held his head erect. They slowly cut him to pieces. This is the spirit that will overcome the world in China. Mr. Mott states that 15,000 Protestant Chinese were slain. One may well question whether the Christians of America would stand such a test.

Educated Natives for Secretaries.

Native secretaries are being secured and trained. Among these are Mr. Kim, secretary with Gillett at Seoul. Mr. Kim was captain-general of police in Seoul, and brings to the secretaryship the prestige of that position, where he was reckoned a man of sterling character. Mr. Dzau, who has been spending a year in the United States, in preparation, is secretary of the Chinese department in Shanghai. He was formerly a popular professor in a missionary college. When he resigned half the students threatened to leave the college. By his business ability the Shanghai Association has secured a yearly budget of \$10,000 (Mex.). Mr. Chong, who is secretary at Tientsin, is a degree man of high standing among the lit-

erati. He is also a graduate of a missionary college, where he specialized in science. He resigned as professor of mathematics in the Provincial university at the capital rather than countenance the worship of the tablet of Confucius. Mr. Chong's lectures on government, science and history attract many influential literati. Thus a force of able and educated Chinese secretaries is being enlisted and trained. The discovery and training of such men is a work of first importance, but it will take years.

Men of Ability in the Lead.

The City Associations, begun in 1900, now have many leading men on their boards and among their contributors, in addition to prominent missionaries of the several denominations by whose urgent invitation the movement was inaugurated. Among these are the Hon. F. H. May, formerly acting governor of Hong Kong; Mr. Scott, chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce; Dr. I. McLeavy Brown, the Sir Robert Hart of Korea; H. W. De Gray, the head of the China-Japanese Trading company; Mr. Morse, of the customs service, a graduate of Harvard, and C. W. Addis, one of the leading bankers of the Orient. Among the native supporters are such men as Yuen Chai Ho, adviser on foreign affairs to the emperor of Korea, and formerly minister of education, who was a college mate of Brockman in Vanderbilt; Hon. Mr. Wong, interpreter to the viceroy at Nanking, a graduate of a German university, and Professor Yen, a graduate of the University of Virginia, one of the most brilliant of the younger scholars of China. The associations in China have the advantage of the co-operation and support of such leading mandarins and men of affairs and national prominence as His Excellency Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of Chi-li, and Mayor Wong, of Tientsin.

The Secretary's Sacrificing Wife.

As with the missionaries, the wives of the American secretaries have a place of influence of the highest order. Their "call" to the foreign field has been as positive as that of their husbands, else they could not accept the life of sacrifice, coping with difficulties and rendering very nearly equal service to young men but without salary. The secretary's home is open to "the young man away from home," and these are numbered by the hundreds. An evening of home life is their salvation. Two nights a

month for them and two for the native young men are regular "home nights," when a few fellows "get a glimpse of heaven," as they take tea and cake and stay their strength in a wholesome home and under a true woman's influence. In the study of the language, visits to sick fellows at the hospitals, playing the piano at services, serving refreshments at Bible class teas and receptions, often in teaching Bible classes, the secretary's wife takes her part. But who can know the stay and strength of sympathetic support she supplies the man who is fighting his fight in a foreign land, under difficulties and discouragements which are threefold greater than those in America? The secretaries' wives are noble women whose part has not been recognized in the foreign association. They are the equals of their husbands in education as well as devotion to the cause and in the willing sacrifice of their lives to its success.

The Sailors at the Great Ports.

Brockman was daily meeting the men of an English merchantman while he was on his way to China. In his talks he said there was a power to be obtained through Jesus Christ that would shatter the power of habit. Pat Mooney, the natural leader of the crew, a red-haired, big-bodied, sunny Irishman, interrupted and said: "There is nothing in it. I have tried it. It won't work." Mooney had a thirst like a camel's, and time and time again had been brought back to his vessel stark naked and beastly drunk—all he had and wore gone for liquor. Brockman said: "Mooney, have you given Christ a fair chance with you? I'm not playing with words when I say that Christ can break the power of sin. I know it's so. Mooney, will you try it fair and take Christ as your Lord and Master as well as Saviour?" "I will," said Mooney, and he did.

There was another sailor in that crew who said that he was "different from the rest." He could exert his will power, could leave drink alone, and would. He was a Harvard man, and shipped because he had flunked and got drunk and disgraced his proud name. His people knew nothing of his whereabouts. He would write his mother that night of his good purposes. He did. Poor fellow, he was drunk at the next port. Mooney was sober, and he kept so. He found "grace to help in time of need."

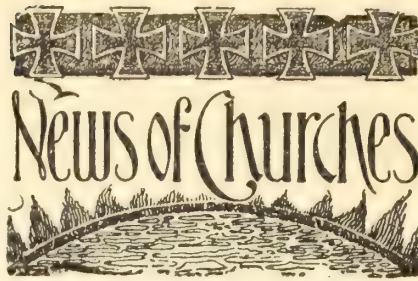
An Association for Soldiers and Sailors.

In Peking there are troops from eight leading nations, including Japan and the United States. They are centered about the legation quarter of the city. An association was formed among the soldiers who went from the Philippines in 1900 at the time of the Boxer uprising, the colonel having requested that an association secretary go on the transport with the troops. Such a work was done that an officer of the German army made note of it in his report to the German government. A permanent association was established and now embraces in its scope all the legation guards. This is the first international Army Association. In the field day open to all athletes in the troops, the American and British men took the honors. Gilbert, of the University of Nebraska, and with military experience, is completing his first year as secretary.

There are frequently thousands of American sailors in the harbor of Chefoo. At one time there were 10,000, and not one chaplain or Christian man whose business it was to look after the morals of the men. Unnamable vices and immoralities flourished openly, and the consuls could not check them. There was not even a fountain where a sailor might get a drink of soda water. An association building with restaurant and dormitories like the naval branch at Brooklyn would be of untold help to the sailors of all nations there, as in Shanghai and Hong Kong, where there are usually from one to three American ships at anchor. The right kind of a man at work among the young sailors of these ports would have a field of splendid influence.

When the last secretary went out to Hong Kong, President Roosevelt expressed his profound interest, and requested him to bring the influence of the association to bear, not only upon the Chinese, but also upon American soldiers and sailors, who land at that port every year in large numbers.

It is a strange fact that the human mind has always held to the immortality of the soul, and yet has always doubted it. Were the belief not true, the doubt would long since have vanquished it, for nothing but truth can endure constant questioning.



WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Our church has been closed through the month of August, the only Sunday services being the Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor. The mid-week prayer meeting is held every Thursday as usual.

Our attendance at the Sunday-school has been good through the hot weather, considering the number out of town. Our superintendent is ready with plans for Rally Day that will be put in operation as soon as more return that are now away on vacations. There will be a meeting of the officers and teachers to take some action along these lines at an early date.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The rector, Rev. Mr. Goodwin, has been spending the month of August with his family at their summer home in Castine, Me.

The assistant rector, Mr. Faucon, was away on his vacation during the month of July. In Mr. Goodwin's absence Mr. Faucon is conducting the services.

Sunday, August 13, was observed as Communion Sunday.

During the summer the daily services have been continued, one at 9 a. m. and the other at 5 p. m. The attendance at these services has testified to their usefulness.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The regular church services have been discontinued during the summer. They will be resumed on September 3.

The pastor has been away during the month of August and will return on September 1.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. E. C. Knapp of the Fourth Congregational church gave a report of the Toronto Sunday-school convention, August 2, in the chapel. The Young Ladies' chorus sang many selections.

The Sunday-school held its annual

picnic at Lake Compounce, August 9.

Rev. Herbert Macy has been camping on Griswold's Island for several weeks. He was in charge of a party of boys.

Rev. Mr. Walker of Newington supplied the pulpit during Rev. Mr. Macy's absence.

On July 31, the Christian Endeavor meeting was omitted and the Y. W. F. M. S. gave its annual report of its year's study. The study for the past year was "Japan." The Y. W. F. M. S. and the W. F. M. S. met Thursday, August 3, and voted to unite the two societies.

NORTH METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, is on his vacation.

During the summer the Sunday evening service has been merged with the Christian Endeavor meeting. Early in September the services will be separately resumed. The other services of the church have not changed.

The usual Sunday-school picnic was omitted this summer for the first time in several years.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The junior choir of the Fourth church held a picnic at Elizabeth park on Saturday. The pastor's assistant, Mr. E. C. Knapp, was in charge. Mrs. G. B. Sexton also accompanied the party as chaperon. There were about sixty-five in the party and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the absence of the pastor on his vacation, Mr. Knapp has been conducting the services, which have been well attended all summer.

On Sunday, August 20, the boy and girl choir furnished special music. These choirs add greatly to the interest and attractiveness of our services.

We are preparing to resume some of the services that have been discontinued during the summer, in the early part of the coming month.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Peabody, is spending his vacation down in Maine. He expects to return the first of September. The pulpit has been filled acceptably by the Rev. Mr. Erickson of the Wethersfield Avenue church of this city and Rev. Mr. Fellowes of Unionville.

During the last two months, while so many of our Sunday-school teach-

ers were away, the lesson has been taught from the desk. The supplying ministers and Mrs. Truman Spencer have conducted the lessons very interestingly.

The Christian Endeavor meetings have been well attended this summer.

The first effort of the In-as-Much circle of King's Daughters was an ice-cream sale, which netted about eleven dollars.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Our pastor is away for a few days at the camp meeting at Alton Bay, attending while there the annual convention of the Christian Burden Bearers. He goes as a delegate from the local branch here.

Our Monday evening meeting for special prayer has been continued longer than was at first anticipated. They are important and beneficial meetings and we are anxious for an increased attendance.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last meeting of the trustees, it was voted to make all necessary repairs on the church furnace and a committee on ways and means has given the matter prompt attention.

The Junior Endeavorers gave a lawn party at the home of Miss Bowers, on Laurel street, Friday, July 21; and the Y. P. S. C. E. gave a similar one Tuesday, August 7, on the church lawn. Both occasions were well attended and were happy combinations of pleasure and profit.

Sunday, July 23, Rev. D. D. Marsh preached at the Glenwood church, and Sunday, August 6, Rev. Mr. MacGeehon exchanged with Rev. G. F. Waters of Glastonbury.

Our pastor expects to start next Monday, Aug. 14, for Twin Lakes, Conn., where he and Mrs. MacGeehon will camp out for three weeks. For the first two Sundays of their absence the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Walter Thorpe of Newark, N. J., and the third Sunday, Rev. D. D. Marsh will preach.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The rector and Mrs. Linsley are enjoying a vacation at Lake Sunapee, Me., this month.

Rev. L. R. Sheffield, of Woodbury, Conn., conducted the services for the first two Sundays in August. The Rev. H. Lilienthal of Astoria, N. Y.,

will conduct the services the last two Sundays.

The chorus, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Barlow, will render the music for August. Mr. Barlow also presides at the organ in the absence of Mr. A. M. Hollingshead.

It is with great regret we learn of the death of Mrs. Samuel Colt. Mrs. Colt was stricken with paralysis while on a visit with a friend at Newport. The sad news will be deeply felt by all members of this church and by a host of friends in Hartford.

FIRST BAPTIST.

It has been a pleasure to note the interest in Sunday-school work manifested by the ministers who have been with us during the absence of our pastor. July 2, Rev. W. E. Waterbury spoke briefly but very earnestly to us. July 9, President Rush Rhees honored us by his presence and offered prayer. July 23, Rev. R. C. Hull remained through the session, teaching a class. We welcome such visitors who leave with us a pleasant memory and helpful influence.

During the past two months some of the young ladies of the Young People's Association have very thoughtfully supplied flowers for the pulpit for the Sunday morning service. This is greatly appreciated and much credit is due these thoughtful ones.

During the month of August our school will abandon the regular class system, and, with the exception of primary and kindergarten departments, will meet as one class under one leader. Sunday, August 6, Deacon L. C. Glazier consented to act as leader. Sunday, August 20, Rev. W. W. West will preside, and August 27, Rev. Dr. J. S. James will direct our thoughts upon the lesson for the day.

The Sunday-school picnic was a great success. We went to Glen Grove, near Middle Haddam, on the steamer Madeleine.

Miss Mary Howard, who attended the young women's conference at Northfield, reports that it was an especially good one. The attendance was large and the speakers good. Dr. Campbell Morgan was especially good, his talks being of the personality of Christ.

On Sunday morning last, our preacher was Rev. William Ward West, who was formerly a member of our church and who was ordained there. His subject was "A Living Soul."

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The rector and his family have returned from a five weeks' outing in the Adirondacks.

Contrary to custom, the 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon service will not be resumed until September.

Mr. William D. Williams of Hartford, with his wife, has been staying in Windsor during the summer and they have been noted as regular attendants at our Sunday services.

Rev. Mr. Holland of Parkville has officiated for the past two Sundays in a way most acceptable to all of our parish.

FIRST METHODIST.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hipple, who have been visiting at their home in Canada, have returned. They report a good time. In their going, they were hindered by their train being in an accident, but no one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Martin and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parker and family have returned from their vacation and are looking much improved.

Mr. Dwight North is at Chautauqua, where he will graduate this summer.

Miss Margretta Martin is to enter Mt. Holyoke this fall.

Dr. C. W. McCormick and family have moved to the new parsonage on Farmington avenue. At present they are enjoying a vacation.

The pulpit is being supplied by different ministers during our pastor's absence.

The dedication of our new church is expected to take place October 15.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Adams, has been out of town for some weeks on his vacation. He will return about the first of September.

During the heated term our church services have been discontinued. The Sunday morning service will be resumed September 3, and the other services will begin shortly after.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Those who remained in town last Sunday and attended the morning service were well repaid, for the sermon preached by Dr. E. P. Parker was most helpful and interesting.

The other departments connected with the church are closed and will not reopen until the second Sunday in September.

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THE PEACE CONGRESS AT LUCERNE.

At the meeting of the International Peace Congress in Boston, last October, it was decided that the congress this year—the fourteenth International Peace Congress—should meet at Lucerne in Switzerland. Official notice is now given that the congress will open on Tuesday, September 19, and continue through the week. It is likely to prove in many respects the most important of the peace congresses thus far. The questions of the reduction of the armies and navies of the nations, and of the establishment of a stated international congress for the regular consideration of all international matters—both of which questions will probably engage the Second Hague Conference, for whose calling President Roosevelt has taken the initiative, and which will probably meet as soon as the present war in the East is over,—are likely to be the themes of most important discussion.

Lucerne is so accessible, and also so beautiful, that the congress makes an unusually strong and attractive appeal. The peace bureau at Berne, the General Swiss Peace society, and the local society at Lucerne are making extensive preparations to render it, if possible, the most impressive peace congress ever held. The attendance from all parts of Europe will be large and influential, for the tide of arbitration and peace is now running high in the European states.

It is important that the delegation from the United States should also be a large one. We owe it to ourselves, and to the record which our country has held in the movement, to make it so. Our territory is larger than the whole of Europe exclusive of Russia. Europe sent us more than a hundred delegates to the Boston congress last autumn. We ought to send at least that number to Lucerne. Out of the more than nine hundred Americans who came to the Boston congress, we ought easily to make up a party of a hundred to go to this congress. Many of our peace workers will go over expressly for the congress. Many other Americans, friends of the cause, who may be spending the summer in Europe, will, it is hoped, plan their stay so as to be in Lucerne during this week in September.

The American friends of peace can well afford to make extra sacrifices this year in order to get to the congress. It is a moment of supreme importance in the history of the peace movement, and the voice that is uttered at Lucerne ought to be made so full and commanding that it will stir all Europe as it has never been stirred against the colossal evil that is steadily eating away the vitals of the European nations and spreading its baneful influence over all the rest of the world.

CLEANER FAIRS.

The local fairs, as conducted about the state each fall, have many features of value and interest, but too often have side issues which entirely discredit them.

The managers, as a rule, tempted by the liberal tips from gamblers and others in illicit lines, allow these features a prominent place, where they should have no place at all.

They draw the crowd, it is argued, a crowd indeed, but an element which gets practically no benefit from, or adds any benefit to, the educational and social features of these fairs.

The recent General Assembly

though dissolving in a very murky atmosphere, indeed, did, however, add a little light to the situation in passing two bills which should tend to purify these fairs. If the laws are lived up to, cleaner fairs will result.

Section 4,401 is amended to read: "No part of any building or grounds within the enclosure in which is held the fair of any incorporated agricultural society shall be leased for the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors, the running of wheel-pools, so-called, or the unlawful practice of any games of chance, or immoral shows, nor shall any right or privilege be granted to any person to carry on such sale, games, or shows within such enclosure during the continuance of such fair."

Section 4,402 now says: "No such society shall be entitled to its usual appropriation from the state treasury unless the president, secretary and treasurer thereof shall make oath in its annual statement to the secretary of the state board of agriculture that the provisions of section 4,401 have not been violated to their knowledge and with their consent."

While Section 4,403 specifies that: "No person shall, during the holding of any agricultural fair, sell, keep, offer or expose for sale, any intoxicating liquors, or keep, manage, maintain, or operate any wheel pool, dice game, pin game, shell game, coin table, lottery, policy game, or other illegal game, or keep, manage, advertise, or call any obscene, immoral, or indecent show, exhibition, or muscular dance, or any house or tent of ill-fame, or any house or tent reputed to be resorted to for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness, or have in his possession any appliance or apparatus for the conducting of such games or shows, upon or within one thousand feet of the grounds where such fair is in progress."

INTERNATIONAL C. E. HEAD- QUARTERS BUILDING.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor made public recently a plan for the recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor society, which occurs February 2, 1906. The plan is for the erection and endowment, by the Endeavorers of the world, of an international headquarters building in honor of the founder of the society, the Rev. Francis E. Clark, D.D., and to perpetuate its work for the young people of the churches of all denominations, and in all the world. The amounts suggested as suitable range from \$500,000

to \$1,000,000, and even the latter sum could easily be raised by a small gift from each Endeavorer.

There are now nearly four millions of Christian Endeavorers in the world; another 4,000,000 have been members of the society, and have graduated into the wider work of the church. There are more than 66,000 Endeavor societies in sixty-nine countries.

The plan has not originated with the officials of the Endeavor society, but has been considered by them as the result of suggestions from many lands and people during the last few years, and as the result of conferences of leading pastors, officials of missionary societies, and distinguished laymen in Boston, New York and Washington.

In submitting the plan to these representatives of churches and denominations, criticism of it was invited, and approval has seemed to be unanimous.

The plan has also been submitted by correspondence to numerous editors, clergymen, home and foreign missionary workers, and distinguished laymen in this country and abroad, and hearty approval has been received.

For nearly twenty-five years the Christian Endeavor society has been the hard-working servant of the churches and the missionaries, training the young people of the world to give and to labor for the church. It has never asked or received money for itself. The Y. M. C. A.'s have received from church people more than \$30,000,000 for buildings in which to carry on their noble work, and it is felt to be entirely proper that the young people of the churches should supply a single building in which the Christian Endeavor organization should do its work. This work is entirely for the churches, and is completely under their control.

It is character that counts in a nation as in a man. It is a good thing to have a clean, fine, intellectual development in a nation, to produce orators, artists, successful business men; but it is an infinitely greater thing to have those solid qualities which we group together under the name of character—sobriety, steadfastness, the sense of obligation toward one's neighbor and one's God, hard common sense, and combined with it the gift of generous enthusiasm toward whatever is right. These are the qualities which go to make up true national greatness.—President Roosevelt.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

Fresh air enterprises are a prominent feature in the most of the charities during the summer months.

Something over a thousand dollars has been raised by the "Hartford Courant" for fresh air excursions. The most of the excursions are managed by the Open Hearth association and the Charity Organization society. Parties of from two to three hundred women and children are taken on the trolley to Rainbow park, or on the steamer Madeleine to Glen Grove.

The Union for Home Work is giving a vacation of two weeks to a number of needy people in a home in Farmington.

The Children's Aid society has a cottage at Woodmont well filled with children from the Newington home and elsewhere.

Interest in the anti-tuberculosis movement is increasing in Hartford. Nearly \$5,000 have been raised in a very general subscription for providing free beds for working people in the tuberculosis hospital, which is expected to open on the first of October.

Anti-tuberculosis work was combined with a Courant fund excursion to Rainbow park, August 17, under the leadership of Mrs. Sluyter, of the Union for Home Work. Dr. Kane of the board of health and Dr. Stoll of the Hartford dispensary, addressed the company, which numbered nearly four hundred.

The new tenement house law went into effect June 29. It has already caused the abandonment of several plans for the construction of dark and badly crowded tenements.

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The steady growth of this institution in size, in the esteem of business men throughout the city and state, and in the appreciation of its graduates for their excellent starts in the business world and their generous progress therein, is abundant testimony to its standing as a commercial school, and to the business and educational abilities of Mr. Huntsinger and his corps of trained instructors.

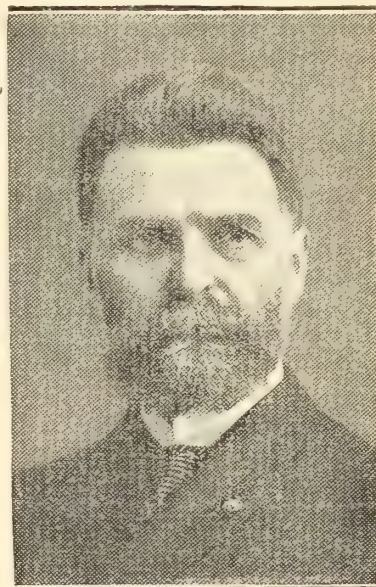
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Mr. Huntsinger is in the office daily enrolling pupils for the term opening September 4.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Mrs. F. H. Knox, one of the members of the Dorcas society, entertained twenty members for a day recently at her summer home, "Camp Knox," in Warehouse Point.

The attendance at chapel services has naturally not been very large this summer, but there are a faithful few who have been noticeably regular in their attendance, and they greatly encourage the pastor by their regularity.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

During the absence of the pastor on his vacation, the pulpit is being supplied by the Rev. Joseph Hollingshead of West Hartford.

The Epworth League gave a delightful moonlight sail on the river Friday evening, August 11, which was largely attended.

The membership of this church was largely represented at the sessions of the New Haven district camp meeting, at Plainville camp grounds. Dr. Dent conducted a series of expository addresses which were very helpful and inspiring.

FIRST METHODIST.

The meetings of the Epworth League have been continued during the summer. The attendance has averaged well and the meetings have been interesting and helpful.

On Sunday, August 20, class meeting preceded the morning service, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Charles McCormick, who recently returned from his vacation.

Our Sunday-school classes, which have been considerably reduced during the summer, are once more filling up, as both teachers and scholars return from their holiday trips.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, is spending his vacation in Vermont. The following have supplied the pulpit during his absence: August 6, J. Harrison Thompson; August 13, Rev. H. M. Wolf of Bloomfield; August 20, Chaplain Thomas H. Day; August 27, Rev. L. S. Johnson of New Britain.

July 23, Albert E. Fish, our delegate to the C. E. convention at Baltimore, gave a most interesting account of his trip, and an excellent report of the meetings.

During the past month three have been added to the church by baptism.

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SOUTH BAPTIST.

The prayer meeting Thursday evening, August 3, was led by Rev. James Lent of South Windsor.

On Sunday, August 13, a large audience was present to hear Rev. Kittredge Wheeler, one of our former pastors, preach.

Our Christian Endeavor meetings are well attended and quite a good deal of interest is manifested. We have something about missions at every meeting and later shall listen to a report from our delegate to Silver Bay.

UNITY CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Waite and his family have returned from a trip to Tryon, N. C.

The date of the reopening of the church is still uncertain. It will probably be the middle of September.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

During the pastor's absence the pulpit has been supplied as follows: July 30, Mr. Hoskins; August 6 and 13, Mr. Curtis; August 20, Mr. Hoskins.

Our Christian Endeavor meetings, as well as our evening services, will be resumed on the first Sunday of September.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

We were very glad to welcome our pastor, Rev. Mr. Tompkins, back from his much needed vacation.

July 18, a sale of ice cream was held on Mr. Whiting's lawn, which was a success, the weather being very favorable, it being one of our hottest nights.

August 1, our Sunday-school picnic was held at White Oak. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by those who went. Some, being afraid of the weather, did not go.

August 3, quite a number of our people attended the camp meeting at Plainville and were very glad to hear Bishop Goodsell.

August 4, the Q. W. T. club gave an ice cream sale.

A number of our people are enjoying vacations at various places.

Rev. Mr. Van Schiver preached for us recently.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The special features of our Sunday-school services during the summer have been the flower decorations, which have been distributed to the scholars at the close of the session,

and the music. The opening service has been extended to include a number of familiar hymns which the school has sung with much enjoyment in the absence of the regular chapel choir.

Each year an increasing number of our scholars are able to get a vacation away from the city, most of them going to the shore.

Northfield has attracted several of our teachers, some of the number being: Miss Clara E. Wells, Miss Ada M. Stearns, Miss Grace W. Stanley, Miss Rosella A. Hopkins, Miss Jennie I. Stinson and Mr. Newman Hungerford.

Mr. William P. Calder attended the Young Men's Conference at Silver Bay.

Mr. Solon P. Davis, our assistant superintendent, is spending the month of August with his family in Maine.

Miss Mary L. Hastings has been with friends in Alden, N. Y., since the first of July.

Dr. Ernest A. Wells enjoyed a trip in July, which included California and Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert D. Tracy went to Bethlehem, N. H., for their outing in July.

Our sewing and cooking work will be resumed with the opening of the public schools. The former teachers will continue with the schools, Miss Annie M. Sweet as cooking teacher and Miss Amelia A. Cooke in the sewing department.

Our Sunday evening service will be resumed in September.



WOMAN'S WORK

THE CONN. CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The vacation season has been full of interest in the work of our society. Many children have been made happy by visits to the country and the shore, and these changes have proved beneficial to all. Twenty-two of the Home children have been to Playridge cottage, at Woodmont, where they have enjoyed the bathing and the playing in the sand, together with pleasant walks and rides. There are some tears shed when the good time ends and they have to come home, but when Mattie says: "We ought to go home

and give some other children a chance to come," they seem to share in his opinion. One little girl, however, insisted that she must stay longer, that she was not well, so she carried her point and remained the whole four weeks. Fourteen members of the Hartford branch visited Playridge on August 14, leaving Hartford at 8:22, and spending the entire day. Although the weather was somewhat rainy, yet the party enjoyed the visit with the caretakers and the children, and the basket luncheon on the veranda. The Home was inspected, and the blind people visited in their dormitory, and all was found in excellent condition. The children gathered in the large living room, and listened to singing by one of the guests, and then the children sang song after song.

Miss Emma Griswold, the matron, and Miss Ward, caretaker for the children, deserve great credit for the able way in which the work is carried on.

During the month, four patients have been received at the Newington home, and three have been discharged. Several of the boys have been away for vacations at their homes, and others have enjoyed day picnics, the matrons taking six or eight together for trolley rides and other outings.

The Mizpah circle of King's Daughters of Middlefield sent a gift of \$16.52, the result of a lawn sale, and the Golden Rule circle of Durham are also planning a contribution for the benefit of the home. The primary Sunday-school of Chester send word by Mrs. M. S. Brooks of a future donation.

A home has just been found for a dear little girl of 14 months. She came into our care by the desertion of her mother, her father having died some months ago. We have been deeply interested in this case, and rejoice in the new-found home, particularly as the child was so much wanted.

Several other desirable children are awaiting homes and we trust that families looking for children will see these lines, and ask for further information about them.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Miss Halstead, who has been in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, spending her vacation, is expected to return to the work this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jennison and their son, Freeman, are spending a

short time at the Conference in Northfield.

Occasional trips are taken into the country and to the city parks, these outings being made possible by the gift of trolley tickets. If the contributors could realize the pleasure afforded, they would feel themselves more than repaid for their kind thought for others.

We are grateful to all who so kindly provide us with flowers.

The Good Samaritan order of King's Daughters have been enabled through the courtesy of Miss Griswold of the Connecticut Children's Aid society, to send some of their blind friends to Playridge cottage at Woodmont, for a two weeks' outing. The deep satisfaction and pleasure derived by all was manifested by such expressions of enthusiasm and appreciation as are seldom heard.

The Sunshine society has just sent a "barrel of sunshine" to Labrador, which will surely give great pleasure to the natives there, especially as these people seldom see books and papers, such as made up the bulk of the "sunshine" sent. There were many magazines and other reading matter. There were mittens and wristlets, garments, pictures, paper dolls, rag dolls and toys of different sorts. The barrel was transported free of charges by the Red Cross line of steamships, of New York.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Endeavor Friends:

Our vacation season is rapidly drawing to its close. In its place will come the season for earnest, conscientious work. Shall we find ourselves better equipped for our Endeavor work than ever before? Have we in new or old localities and associations seen the beauty and broadness of God's gifts to us and that some return must be made by us?

A summer boarder once remarked to an old farmer that she became converted every year by the beauty of the country. His reply was: "When I see all that God has given me and think how good He has been

to me, and that He has given His Son as a guide for me to follow as I go through this world, I am converted every day."

The study of God through nature is a beautiful study. The study of God through His book is a helping study—if it is taken up with carefulness and in a spirit of searchfulness.

"An old lady used to mark her Bible with letters that excited the curiosity of those who saw them. Here and there the letter T would appear against a given verse, and again the two letters T and P, and when asked what they meant she said, 'T means the promises I have tried and T and P the promises tried and proved.' We can all take the coming week some great promise of the Scripture and try it from Monday morning to Saturday night, and perhaps by the end of the week we can testify to the proof of the promise. But if not, we can go on trying it, confident that no word of the Lord is void of power. Anyhow, it is a splendid way to live, casting ourselves again and again upon the comfort and inspiration of the rich promises which can never fail to buoy us up, to make us strong to do and patient to suffer the will of God."

Yours in C. E.,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS August, 1905.

6. The first fruits for God. Lev. 23:9-14; Deut. 16:9-12.
13. The building of character. 2 Pet. 1:1-11; Jude 20, 21.
20. The duty of winsomeness. Prov. 15:13-15; 17:22; 1 Cor. 9:19-22.
27. Mission work among women. Acts 16:13-18; Titus 2:3-5.
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3. The abundant life: how get it? how use it? John 10:7-10; Rom. 5:19-21.
10. What is practical Christianity? Jas. 2:14-26.
17. The great surrender. Acts 9:1-22; Rom. 6:16-23.
1-22; Rom. 6:16-23.
24. The home mission work of our denomination; Matt. 9:35-38; 10:1-15.

CONNECTICUT C. E. UNION.

Since the last issue of the Church Review we have been called upon to mourn our beloved co-worker, Rev. Russell T. Hall, of New Britain, formerly president of the State Union.

Words cannot express our feelings relative to the loss sustained.

We can only say the world is better for his having lived in it. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

"I doubt not," said the long-haired young man, "you have heard of the proposed club for literary men. I suppose it will have your approval."

"No," replied the editor. "I could never bring myself to use it. It satisfies me merely to swear at people of that sort. I wouldn't hit 'em."

"Now, Johnny, do you understand thoroughly why I am going to whip you?"

"Yes'm. You're in bad humor this mornin' an' you've got to lick someone before you'll feel satisfied."—*Harlem Life.*

Mr. Crawfoot—"I'm glad to hear that Zeke is settling down on something at last. He says he's up in town spending every dollar on gardens."

Mrs. Crawfoot—"Did he say what kind of gardens, Hi?"

Mr. Crawfoot—"Yes, he said roof gardens. That's the only place they have room for gardens in the city."—*Chicago Daily News.*

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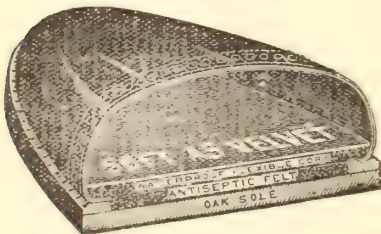
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VODKA'S WORK.

A Harrowing Story From the Capital of Poland.

Recent press cablegrams from Warsaw, Russia, told the following harrowing story:

"Drunkenness and lack of discipline among the soldiers sent here to maintain order have created a reign of terror in this city.

"Hardly a day passes without deeds of violence committed by the half civilized hordes of Cossacks and soldiers, and citizens are afraid to venture out into the streets even in broad daylight. The officers are absolutely unable to restrain their men, and even the military governor is at a loss what to do.

"The other day a private, half crazed with vodka, ran amuck through Novi Sviat, the main thoroughfare of the city, firing his guns into the crowds on the sidewalks, killing two and severely wounding a number of peaceable citizens.

"The police reserves were called out to arrest him, but as they too were drunk they only made matters worse, and the soldier kept on firing until he did not have a cartridge left, when he was captured and nearly lynched by unarmed workmen."

Pope Urges Abstinence.

The pope recently received in private audience Archbishop John J. Keane, bishop of Dubuque, Ia. The audience was held in the private library of the pope. The archbishop sat beside the pontiff. The latter spoke in the most cordial manner for half an hour.

Archbishop Keane, having thanked the pope for a telegram sent by him to the convention of Catholic temperance societies held in Cedar Falls, Ia., the pontiff emphasized the importance of inducing the American people to abstain from intoxicating liquors and of practicing the fundamental virtue of temperance.

The pope sent his blessing to the temperance workers not only of Dubuque, but of the entire United States.

Freud For Taking Pledge.

John McLaughlin, who was formerly assistant corporation counsel of New York city, was recently pardoned out of the Columbus (O.) penitentiary by Governor Herrick on recommendation of the board on condition that he will abstain from liquor and narcotics. McLaughlin was sent up for three years some time ago from Akron on conviction of assisting in the holdup of a man there.

A New Method.

Charles Crews of Port Chester, N. Y., has been sentenced to serve three months in jail for enticing a youth of seventeen to take his first drink of intoxicating liquor. If such drastic punishment was meted out to all offenders in this respect the harvest of drunkards would soon be extinct.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

Nature and God are the true hospital for hurt hearts.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Grip of the Gospel.

Is the old gospel losing its grip on the world? Not so long as the ministry hides itself behind the cross and preaches a Saviour lifted up, and not so long as the people understand the province of the church of Christ.—Rev. William Crowe, Methodist, Frankfort, Ky.

Character as a Reward.

One has often to wait a long time for the harvest of his spiritual sowing, but in "due season he will reap if he faints not." The character of a good man is an abundant reward for all the pain and effort of a life of virtue and love.—Rev. H. S. Bradley, Episcopalian, Atlanta, Ga.

The Worldly Spirit.

There was a time that men were outright infidels, but now they are only agnostics; once they were alert thinkers, now they are blind scholastic materialists; once they were idealists, now commercialism only asks, "Does it pay?" The church has caught the spirit of the world.—Rev. J. T. Christian, Baptist, Chicago.

A Defense of the Bible.

When a book is found more up to date than the Bible we may accept it. But it is never out of date. The morality of the Bible is far ahead of that of any age. The unity of the Bible proves its absolute divinity. There are thirty or forty portions all bearing the same message.—Rev. William Spurgeon, Congregationalist, Cardiff, Wales.

Divine Purpose In Our Lives.

The conditions of life are complex, but the problem of life is simple, consisting of a few essentials. There is a divine plan, and every life conducted according to this plan is a success. An ever recurring, epoch making progress is death. God's purpose alone forms the true ideal. This purpose never transcends the possible or stops short of the possible. The one thing necessary is opportunity, and God never neglects the opportunity which is necessary for the purpose which he assigns. There is a purpose in every life, definite and divinely assigned. The acceptance of this purpose shows wisdom.—Rev. D. D. Goucher, Methodist, Baltimore.

The German's Beer Allowance.

An interesting light is thrown upon the drinking habits of the German workman by a recent report of the factory inspection department. At a stone quarry, for instance, many of the employees were receiving from the canteen from eight to twelve bottles—equal to six to nine quarts—of beer daily. The limit allowed for credit is now fixed at five bottles, or nearly four quarts, per man per day, the price of which would correspond to from 20 to 25 per cent of the day's earnings.—*St. James' Gazette.*

THE MORSE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

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Founded as a Bryant & Stratton school in 1860, the Morse Business college has stood the test of time. It's a straightforward, reliable school. It is, furthermore, an institution where industry and high ideals predominate. Professor Morse gives his every energy to carefully train his pupils to meet the demands of the old practical business world. That the business world appreciates this fact is proved by the demand of the best business houses of Hartford and of other cities throughout the state for the Morse graduates to fill desirable positions and the demand is much greater than the supply. Every year Mr. Morse not only places every student who satisfactorily finishes either the business or shorthand course, but he many times changes old students to much better positions, and there is hardly a time of year when there are not more calls for Morse students to fill good situations than there are graduates available.

Last term every Morse graduate was placed in a satisfactory situation and during the summer months Mr. Morse not only placed nearly all the graduating class, but has had good positions come in which he has been compelled to refuse.

Courses.

At the Morse Business college there are two complete courses of instruc-

tion offered. Either are very practical and valuable, and both possess most up-to-date equipments and facilities for the preparing of young men and women for business pursuits. The crowning feature of the business course is the actual business practice. In this work students write up and use all kinds of business and legal forms in real transactions. There is no imagination to the work, but the students enter right into real office practice and are promoted from one position to another just as they might be, were they to be weekly advanced in any large business house and carefully superintended by a most exacting and successful employer. Rapid calculation, commercial law, arithmetic, correspondence, practical English, orthography, muscular movement business penmanship and bookkeeping, and in the advanced office training, banking transportation, commission, commercial stock exchange work, importing and wholesaling are also valuable parts of the commercial course.

In the shorthand department every energy is bent to the training of proficient amanuenses. The Pitman system of stenography, which is now written by all United States court reporters, and 90 per cent. of all shorthand writers in business, is taught at Morse's by business experienced men teachers.

Orthography, penmanship, double entry bookkeeping, and such office routine methods as are required to be used by a stenographer, are also taught in the shorthand course under

Mrs. W. H. Andrus, an experienced typist. This course is particularly adapted to the training of complete amanuenses or for secretarial work.

There has been of late an unusually large demand at the Morse Business college not only for stenographers.



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but for private secretaries and for teachers of other branches, and Principal Morse has been unable to fill all the positions of this class which have come in to him.

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Discipline.

At the Morse Business college weekly reports are rendered to the parents every Monday morning bearing a grade in each of the daily averages, tests, examinations, and also an itemized record of the attendance and deportment. Perfect discipline at the Morse college is of the first order. The college is patronized by the better class of people, and there are no drones or time-killers ever tolerated within its walls. If a select business training is desired in the shortest possible time, and assistance after graduation to a desirable situation, then there is no school anywhere which we can recommend as superior to the Morse college of Hartford.

Calendar and Cost.

The fall term of the Morse Business college begins Monday, September 4, and continues to June 30, 1906. Sessions are held every week-day excepting Saturday. The school rooms are always open for work from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. The regular sessions are from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Students can work before or after school hours and receive all assistance, instruction and explanations they may wish. Individual attention to the needs of every student is characteristic of this admirable school. There are no large classes, but students are taken personally and carefully and clearly led through the different problems and encouraged to make the very best and most thorough progress possible.

Twelve dollars and fifty cents per month covers all tuition and supplies. There are no extras or incidentals. Any course can be taken and parts of other courses chosen without a cent's extra expense.

Visitors Welcome.

The college is now open every day and evening to visitors from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. and parents and guardians are particularly invited to call at the Morse college in its new location, corner Main and Asylum streets (entrance 839 Main), and be shown through the several departments of this institution and have its systems and methods explained to them. The equipment of the Morse Business college is in every respect complete and up-to-date. Its new quarters are magnificent in their decorations and fixtures. Every comfort and conveni-

ence in the way of an abundance of light, two express elevators, fine sanitary toilet and cloak rooms, Cutler oak roll-top desks for pupils and elegant office practice and banking fixtures have been provided for pupils' use, and a marble tiled lobby. But greatest of all the Morse advantages are the high salaried men and women assistants, who love the souls of the pupils in their charge and endeavor to not only train them for business, but to elevate them in every way to a high moral standard and to a most satisfactory and successful life. There is no school which the editors of this paper take more pleasure in highly recommending to its readers than the Morse Business college at the corner of Asylum and Main streets, Hartford, Conn.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

During the past month alterations have been made on the third floor of the building. Some of the rooms have been made into sleeping apartments. At the present time there are twenty-two rooms, which are in such constant demand that there is usually a waiting list. Thus the association provides the young men with apartments surrounded with good influences and at the same time derives a revenue for the association.

The religious work of the association will open with meetings in September. A strong list of speakers has been secured to address these. In October the Bible classes will open.

The Hillyer Institute catalogue is ready for distribution. Many changes have been made in the subjects. The bookkeeping and shorthand will be given three evenings a week, instead of two, as formerly. The electrical course will be augmented by laboratory work. Machine shop mathematics has been added to the courses. This course is designed with the express object in view of placing before factory men problems that come up every day in their work and fur-

nishing them with a working knowledge of the mathematics which apply to these problems. This course will be taught by a practical mechanic. Electric wiring will be offered for the first time. Special attention will be given to the explanation and motives of underwriters' rules. This course will be in charge of Mr. Charles Hovey of the Electric Light company. Another course has been arranged known as plan reading and estimating. It will aim to give the men of Hartford connected with the building trades an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the different methods of planning, laying and estimating quantity of all kinds of building material, which enters into the erection of any building, such as carpentry, masonry, iron work, plumbing, etc. By special arrangements with the Hartford Conservatory of Music, the department of music will be greatly increased. Voice culture, piano forte, violin, sight singing and theory will be given at a much lower rate than can be secured during the day. The institute will open on Monday, October 2.

Delbert G. Lean, impersonator and humorist, has been secured for the opening reception, which will be held in Jewell hall on Monday evening, September 25. All young men are invited.

Attention is called to the sale of reserved seats for the Star course, which will open on Monday, October 2, at 9 a. m. This year the course will consist of eight entertainments and will be much superior to any other of the previous excellent courses.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Our Sunday-school has been very well attended during the summer months.

Many of our teachers and scholars are recuperating at the shore and among the mountains.

Our preaching services Sunday evening, at 6 o'clock, will start September 3, Mr. Raymond occupying the pulpit.

Despite the attractions incident to summer, our Thursday evening prayer meeting has been well attended, and many have received strength to do the duties of everyday life.

We are apt to mistake our vocation by looking out of the way for occasions to exercise great and rare virtues, and by stepping over the ordinary ones that lie directly in the road before us where our opportunities lie.

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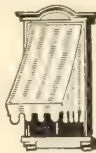
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The number of men who have applied at the Open Hearth for lodgings to be paid for by a short time of work in the wood yard has been quite large. Hardly a night passes without such application and none are turned away. Many have since got work outside and become self-supporting. This is the work which has been carried on now for years at this institution, and the good done thereby can never be fully estimated.

Superintendent Jackson, by his addresses in the mission room, as well as by private talks with the men, endeavors to encourage them to drop those courses and companions which lead to evil and seek to recover their manhood, and many have been the cases where his words have been effective.

The children's meetings have been filled with happy little ones and their songs fill the listeners with pleasure and carry many a wanderer in imagination back to the days of youth, when they, too, were innocent and happy.

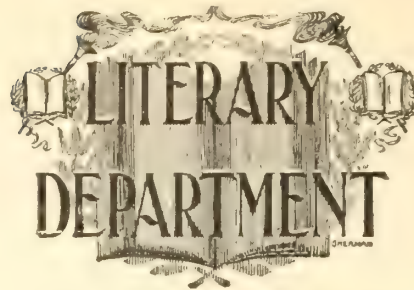
The beautiful grounds about the Open Hearth are fully enjoyed by all and are always a source of pleasure. The wood yard is busy and our friends are again reminded that they can materially assist by buying wood of us. It costs much to care for those who are taken care of at the Open Hearth and all our citizens should take an interest in the work.

Cast-off clothing, boots and shoes, are badly needed and are not sold, but given to deserving persons. Children's clothing is also distributed. Our friends should let us know and we will send for their donations.

A Baptist missionary in Japan tells of a scene before the communion table, when a Japanese Christian, with strong emotion, insisted on confessing a sin before he would partake of the Lord's Supper. The sin was this: "In the rush and hurry of wheat harvest and of setting out rice plants my mind was distracted with the work, and for two days I did not take time to compose it to think upon the loving kindness of my Lord. . . . That I should have been so ungrateful overwhelms me with shame and confusion of face."

"I took great pains with that pudding we had for dinner," remarked the young wife.

"And so did I, my dear," rejoined the husband.



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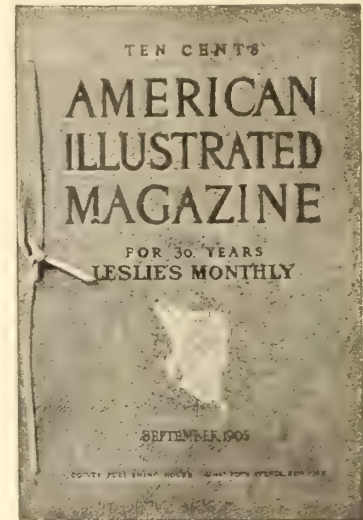
The legend on the most attractive of the September magazine covers reads "American Illustrated Magazine. For 30 years Leslie's Monthly." This means that the significance of the old name has been happily outlived and a new and more inspiring and appropriate name was required. Hence the change. There are some important contributions to this issue and the illustrations are notable. Through the courtesy of the Colver Publishing company we give a single-color reproduction of the handsome cover.

It is nearly a year since any American magazine has been fortunate enough to secure a story from Kipling, but the August "Century" prints a tale, "An Habitation Enforced," which gives us Kipling at his best. Someone, in comparing Kipling with the old, three-volume novelist, has said that he gives us "the Liebig extract of those cattle lowing on a thousand hills," so here, where two Americans, a nervously broken millionaire and his wife, take up an enforced habitation in an enchanted corner of England, he contrives to give a quintessence of American and British civilization—a commentary, in brief, with vistas such as only a Kipling can open up. A delightful vein of satire crops out wherever the British way and the American way meet, a vein which will charm readers on both sides the Atlantic.

"Recreation" for August is filled with refreshing good things for lovers of nature and outdoor life. "The Charm of Illecillewaet," "Trolling for Pacific Salmon," "The Mother Instinct," "Panther Hunting by Amateurs," "The Way to the Forest of Arden," "The Land of Make Believe," "An Argument with a Mosquito," and numerous other articles, with and without illustration, go to the make-up of the number.

The August magazine issue of "The Outlook" is the Educational Number. One article deals with the personality of some of our ablest "Public-School Leaders," with portraits of

a few of the men who have made the public schools what they are. Another, illustrated, is on "Work and Play in the Public Schools." Andrew S. Draper, New York State Commissioner of Education, President Eliot of Harvard, and Thomas Wentworth Higginson are other contributors. There is also a full page of portraits of new college presidents.



Is money, or the present mania for amassing it, really an evil? Read two remarkable articles in the August "Everybody's," dealing both with the direct and the indirect effects of the money-mania; they may help you to a conclusion. A "miracle of millions," as performed some half dozen years ago, in Boston, by the now notorious "New England Gas & Coke company" (Henry M. Whitney and H. H. Rogers, leading spirits), is the amazing revelation reserved by Mr. Lawson for this significant instalment of "Frenzied Finance." In the powerful conclusion of "The Greatest Trust in the World," Mr. Charles Edward Russell shows the needless suffering inflicted upon the Chicago poor by the merciless moneymakers of Packingtown; and eloquently urges the overthrow of the beef trust by united moral force.

Every-Day Life in the Colonies. By Gertrude L. Stone and M. Grace Fickett. 119 pages, 16mo. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co. Price 40 cents.

In the series called "America's Story for America's Children," this is the sixth volume. The period it covers is designated by the title. The titles of the 10 chapters that comprise it follow: "The first New England Christmas (1620)," "Dorothy's Hornbook," "A Puritan Sabbath," "Soap-making at the Howland's," "When the Indians Fell on Saco," "Candle-Making at the Coolidge's," "Telling

Time Without a Clock," "Two Letters of Long Ago," "A May Day Journey," and "The Poor Debtor's Children."

The stories are told for the instruction of children and are clear and intelligible as well as informing. The book is illustrated.

Jesus and the Prophets. By Charles S. Macfarland, D.D. 249 pages, 12mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

A sub-title describes this as a historical, exegetical, critical and interpretative discussion of Jesus' use of prophecy, His relation to it, and His attitude toward it.

Dr. Macfarland is well known for his broad knowledge of Bible history. His excellent judgment and his wide investigations enable him to give a clear and comprehensive exposition of his subject. The nature and meaning of "the inspiration of the Scriptures" is made plain, and indirectly many valuable hints as to the right view and use of them are given.

A careful study of the views and usage of the Saviour is the basis of the author's conclusions. He holds that this should be our authority and surely a safe guide.

Butterflies and Bees. By Margaret W. Morley. 267 pages, 12mo. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price 60 cents.

Children of from eight to eleven years old are addressed in these books on nature, of which this is the second volume. In an interesting and clear style the author tells about butterflies, bees and other insects; how they live, why they live, what they do and how they do it.

No young person can fail to have awakened an interest in the wonderful unity of all forms of life, which he will realize somewhat as he reads this book, or has it read to him.

Cameron of Lochiel. By Philippe Aubert de Gaspé. Translated by Charles G. D. Roberts. 287 pages, 12mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

The original version of this story was published many years ago under the title, "Les Anciens Canadiens." Mr. Roberts believes it to be much the best historical romance yet written in Canada, not only as fiction, but for the fact that it most naturally and accurately portrays the customs and characteristics of the period when the French and English were in their final struggle for the control of the province.

The story told is of a young Scotchman and a Frenchman, both friends and both graduates of the Jesuit's college in Quebec. They become rivals later and fight on opposite sides in the great struggle. Yet their problems are well adjusted and the story ends harmoniously and artistically from every standpoint. It is needless to say that the beautiful heroine contributes more than her share of the drama and the aforementioned harmony.

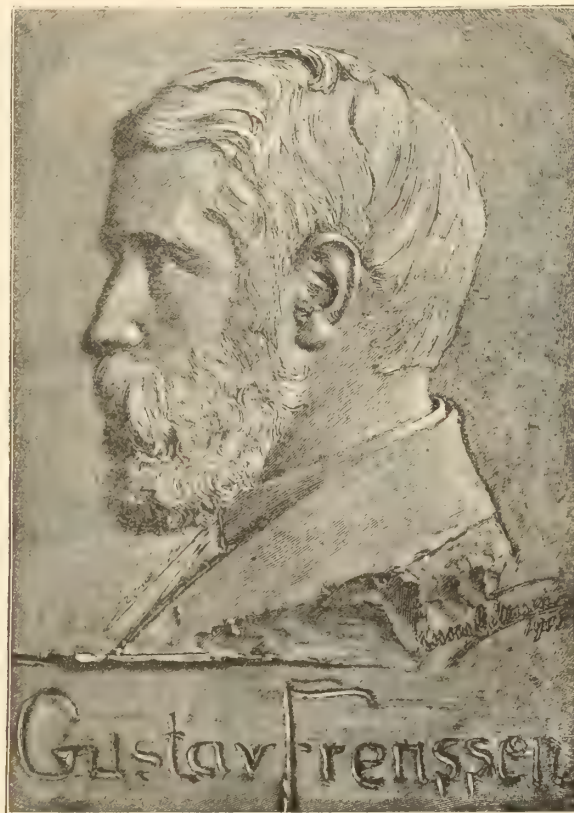
A frontispiece in color is notably well-drawn. The book as a whole is so well composed, so readable and so

dom, however, and its occasional epigrams are significant as well as witty.

"Little Arcady" is a town and "The Boss" is the editor of its newspaper,—and is a very important citizen as well. The story deals with his handling of some unusual civic problems and introduces a number of quaint and interesting characters of both sexes.

A Book of Verses for Children. By Edward Verrall Lucas. 304 pages, 12mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.

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entertainingly instructive, that it well deserves the success evidenced by the demand for this new edition.

The Boss of Little Arcady: By Harry Leon Wilson. 371 pages, 12mo. Boston: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company. Price \$1.50.

The same qualities which made the author's "The Spenders" so popular are apparent in his new novel. There is a large fund of genuine, spontaneous humor in this story and it seems, indeed, to have been written for pure entertainment, rather than for a serious purpose. It contains much wis-

dom, however, and its occasional epigrams are significant as well as witty. are such as will delight the heart of any child—indeed older readers will find a selection of witty, quaint and clever conceits that will amuse and interest them thoroughly.

The standard set is high and Mr. Lucas has carefully avoided commonplace, meritless jingles. He regards his work as a serious preparation for good literature of more mature quality, so that he has included only high-grade, though easily understandable verses.

Among the authors represented are Lewis Carroll, R. L. Stevenson, Miss L. Alma-Tadema, "E. Nesbit," Hilaire Beloc and others. It need hardly

be added that the work is most carefully edited.

Will Warburton. By George Gissing. 333 pages, 12 mo. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a "romance of real life," in which is told the dramatic story of the vicissitudes of a young man, who, for many years of his life, possessed large wealth and then lost it suddenly.

Thrown upon his own resources and forced to earn his living, he passes through experiences which might have broken a less manly fellow and eventually happiness and success come well-earned into his life.

The story is well told. Its moral is apparent but not obtrusive, and the significance of the whole tale is impressive. There is some good character drawing; notably that of Allechin and Will Warburton.

It is stated that this is the last work of the late George Gissing, whose work has been always strong and whose reputation, especially in England, has long been established.

Historic Pilgrimages in New England.

By Edwin M. Bacon. 475 pages. 8vo. Boston: Silver, Burdett & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author tells this story of nineteen historic pilgrimages in and about Boston, as though he were acting as the guide and instructor of a young man named "Percy Denison." These two investigate very thoroughly all the noteworthy scenes of interest in connection with New England history,—that is, all the scenes and events that are not too far distant from Boston. For Mr. Bacon, being, we believe, a Bostonian, is naturally prejudiced in favor of that vicinity.

Yet it is very interesting and very instructive to follow these dialogues. The two visit landmarks of Puritan and Pilgrim days and of the provincial and colonial periods,—and the reader benefits by what was seen and heard on the pilgrimage. The book is well filled with rare and unusual illustrations, many of them reproductions of photographs and others copies of old prints, documents and drawings.

A picture of the "Old State-House" is so good and, it is believed, of such exceptional interest, that we have taken advantage of the publisher's courtesy and reproduce it on our front cover. We also reproduce on this page an interior view of "Old South Meeting House."

My Little Book of Prayer. By Muriel Strode. 77 pages, 32mo. Chicago:

The Open Court Publishing Co.

This is the second edition of a very exceptional little book.

While its title is, if taken literally, a trifle misleading, yet, it is well chosen in another sense, for the aphorisms which are mingled with the petitions are in most cases in the nature of prayers for self-guidance.

The following selections at random will indicate the nature and the originality of the text:

"If the populace marched in file, 'twere my signal to break from the ranks. If a thousand generations did thus and so, 'twere my cue to do otherwise."

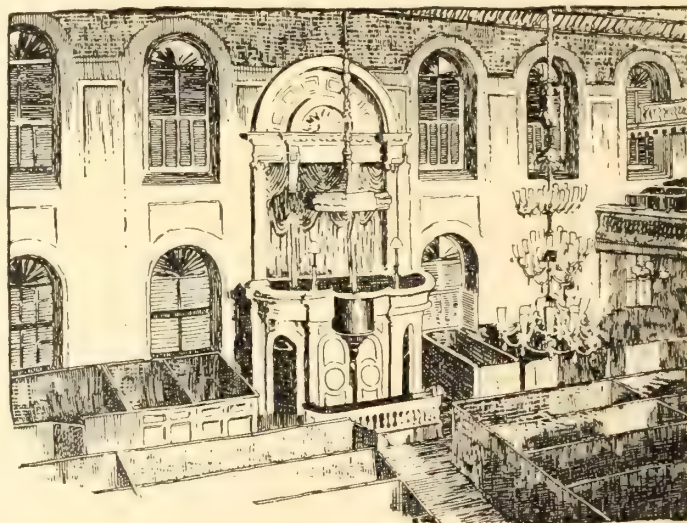
"That you will not pardon—it will not essentially matter, but Oh, if it should be that I could not forgive myself."

The publishers have made a most at-

their knowledge of their subject is unquestioned. That they have been brought together in the production of such a work as this insures not only its readability, but its practical instructive value. It is certainly such a work as there is a demand for and its timeliness gives it a double value.

Hecla Sandwith. By Edward Uffington Valentine. 433 pages, 12mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

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These writers are all well known and

some respects, but are portrayed clearly and sympathetically.

In brief, the story is of a young woman prevented from marrying a cousin whom she loves, by the laws of the Quaker church, and marrying, under stress of some peculiar complications, another man whom she does not love. After the ceremony, she refuses to go with her husband and will not live with him. Rather than live in Pennsylvania under the circumstances, he returns to his English home, and waits for Hecla to change.

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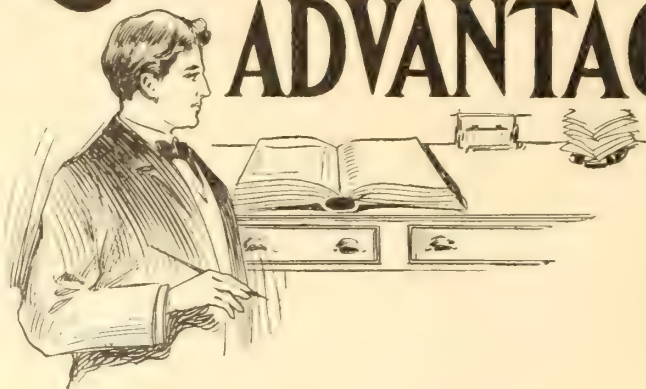
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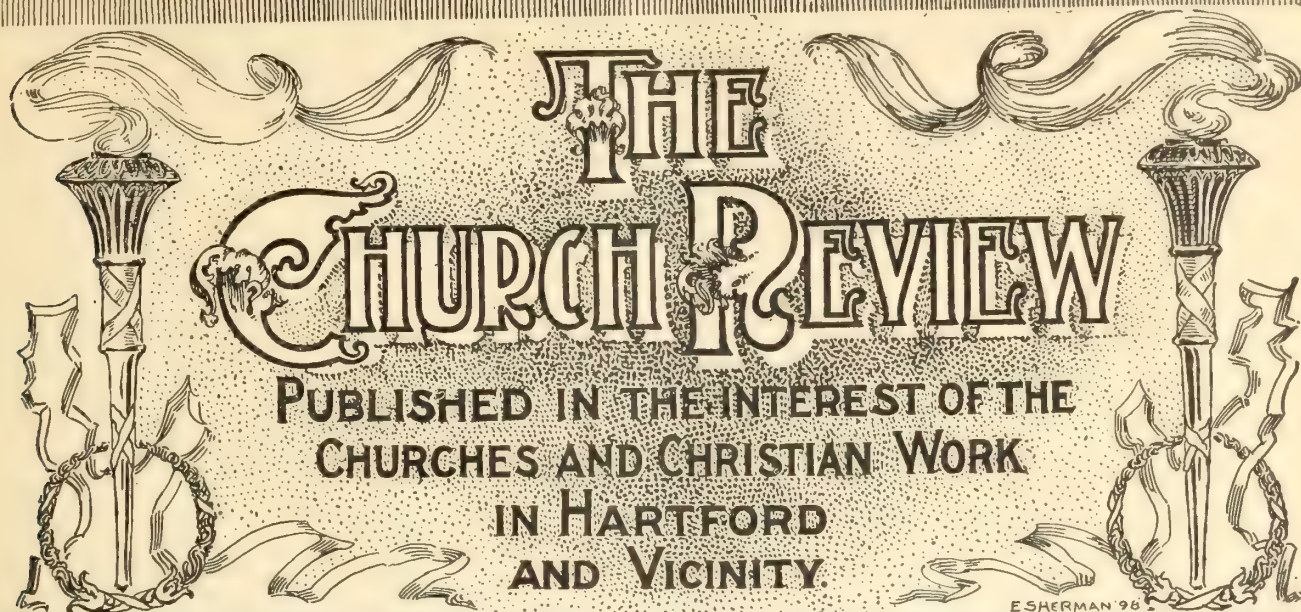
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Nay bend aback the lance's point, and
break the helmet bar,
A noise is in the morning winds, but
not the note of war.
Among the grassy mountain paths the
glittering troops increase:
They come, they come, how fair their
feet—they come that publish
peace.
Yea, Victory, fair Victory, our ene-
mies are ours.
And all the clouds are clasped in light,
and all the earth with flowers.
Ah, still depressed and dim with dew,
but wait a little while,
And radiant with the deathless rose
the wilderness shall smile.
And every tender living thing shall
feed by streams of rest,
Nor lamb shall from the fold be lost,
nor nursling from the nest.

—Ruskin.

THE NEW LUTHERAN CATHE- DRAL AT BERLIN, GERMANY.

The great Evangelical Lutheran Cathedral at Berlin, Germany, was formally consecrated on February 27. The presence of the royal family, of most of the Protestant princes of the empire, of nearly all the great dignitaries of Church and State, as well as representatives of evangelical churches from all parts of the world, made the occasion a notable one.

Prominence was given to the diplomatic and ecclesiastical representa-

tives of England and America. With Chancellor von Buelow and the ministers of State they occupied the front row of seats before the altar.

The ceremonies began with the procession of the Kaiser and the Imperial Family through the church. At the great porch His Majesty received from the architect the golden key of the chancel, which he passed over to Dr. Dryander, Prelate of the cathedral.

Upon the entrance of the procession Handel's Hallelujah Chorus was sung. In the ensuing service the music was rendered by male voices. Dr. Dryander ascended the pulpit while the ecclesiastical representatives knelt around the chancel. His address was short, yet impressive, and especial emphasis was made of the Kaiser's oft expressed hope that this cathedral might become the center of Protestantism of the world.

The American delegation consisted of Rev. J. J. Heischmann of St. Peter's Lutheran church, of Brooklyn; Prof. Francis Brown, of Union Theological Seminary; Rev. J. H. Prough, of Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburg, Pa.; and Rev. Dr. Dickie, pastor of the American church in Berlin.

Rev. J. J. Heischmann subsequently was particularly honored by His Majesty. The American delegation was received by their Majesties in the course of the day, Ambassador Tower presenting them. His Majesty displayed a lively interest in the work of each. Pastor Heischmann presented the congratulations of the Lutherans of America. His Majesty responded and sent his hearty greetings to his religious brethren.

The question of erecting a new Protestant cathedral at Berlin, to take the place of the old one, was considered by several of the kings of Prussia during the last century, but was not definitely settled until the present ruler of the kingdom, William II, by a "cabinet order" dated July 9, 1888, directed that plans for a new "dome" should be prepared at once. This task was intrusted to Professor Raschdorff, and the expense limited to 10,000,000 marks. Work on the new cathedral, which is built on the site of the old one, which shelters in its vaults the remains of a number of "Hohenzollerns," was begun in 1900. The portion of the structure which is intended for the purpose of worship has the shape of an irregular octagon. The entire size of the building is 74 x 114 meters and it is thus the largest Protestant church in Germany.

The new cathedral, or "dome," as it is called, is built of yellow sandstone in the style of the Italian renaissance. It is 341 feet in length and the cupola, with lanterns, rises to a height of 323 feet. The two bell towers are 211 feet high. The construction occupied 14 years. The location selected, in the celebrated "Lustgarten," and opposite the historical Royal Castle, is one of exquisite beauty. The cathedral is destined to be the foremost worshipping place of the Evangelical Church in Prussia.

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able to live there. Nor did he live there long alone, for, in 1759, he brought his wife, Martha Custis, a young and wealthy widow, who had been a belle at the vice-regal court at Williamsburg.

The military side of George Washington is the one which is best known.

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five farms and, in addition to his own beautiful home and the other buildings on the "Mansion-House Farm," he erected on each of the others what he called an overlooker's house and negro quarters. Some of these were brick, and of one barn he says, "equal, perhaps, to any in America."

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MOUNT VERNON, THE HOME OF WASHINGTON, ON THE PEACEFUL POTOMAC.

ton family. Governor Lord Culpeper had granted it to John Washington, great grandfather of George Washington, in payment of John Washington's share in bringing into the province of Virginia, according to an act of the general assembly, one hundred immigrants from England as settlers in the year 1674.

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It was not till 1758, nearly seven years after Mount Vernon became his, that Colonel Washington was

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He, himself, laid off the estate into

of Indian cakes, honey and tea. His afternoons were spent in his library where he attended, with his own hand, to his immense correspondence. At the tea-table he joined the family; and nine o'clock was bedtime. A simple life and orderly, yet many men from many lands, who were visitors at Mount Vernon, have testified to the good taste and elegance which pervaded the mansion.

When Washington went abroad by water, he was rowed in a barge by six negroes in uniform; when by coach, he used four horses for ordinary occasions, but six when he went



THE HISTORIC MOUNT VERNON BANQUET HALL.

to the seat of government at Philadelphia or New York.

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The wedding took place on February 22, Washington's birthday, and was the most ceremonious affair in display of dress and equipage ever known in Virginia. Washington speaks of it in his diary as taking place at "early candle-lighting."

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While the women in every state in the Union slaved and worked to raise this great sum, Edward Everett went from city to city lecturing for the fund. In a little over two years he turned sixty-eight thousand dollars into the treasury, and by 1860, four years after the movement was started, the entire sum was paid by the women of the United States.

During the Civil War both armies regarded the spot as neutral ground and it was uninjured.

Since then little by little the old furniture and belongings have been secured and brought back. Today you may see the harpsicord, bought by Washington himself for his beloved adopted daughter, Nellie Custis, and be brought into more intimate feelings with these past times by standing on the very spots pressed by the feet of Washington, Lafayette, and all the other heroes who are but names to us.

Here is the bed on which Washington died, and here the room where his disconsolate widow dragged out the three lonely years before she went to join him. It is a hallowed spot, and every true-born American feels a pride in going there which no other place in our country can inspire.

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The Moravian Mission Board faces the serious situation of a growth of its missions until a regular annual deficit is produced, impossible to overtake before a new one occurs. The board issued in November a clear statement of what this situation means to the church and its friends. Either a serious increase of annual gifts to the missions must be made or the board must abandon some of its largest missions with irreparable injury to the whole church. The financial advisers of the board have now sent out a further bulletin calling for the most earnest effort to raise money enough to maintain the missions; everyone working in faith that the God who has taken away the debt of sin from his people can surely take away their debt of money.



A GLIMPSE OF THE POTOMAC, AS IT FLOWS PAST MOUNT VERNON.



THE TOMB OF WASHINGTON.

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH.**

The attendance at morning service has been good during the summer.

The Sunday-school took no vacation.

The Men's Club needs another room for its friends.

The Girl's Friendly Society is preparing an attractive program for an early entertainment.

The Ladies' Missionary Society resumes its sessions soon.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew are to form a chorus choir.

CHRIST CHURCH.

September has opened auspiciously at Christ Church.

During the summer the parish house was completely renovated, the walls and woodwork painted and the pews of the chapel varnished. The new color is a warm cream tint with decorations in salmon pink. The effect is bright, clean and very pleasing. The cost of this renovation, about \$350, was borne by one of the old members of Christ church, who, though no longer an attendant at her services, still loves the ancient House of God. The walls and decorations of the church itself were also freshened and repaired at the expense of the parish.

Christ church Sunday-school began its fall term on Sunday, September 17, with the largest attendance for the first Sunday in the new year in a number of years, 170. Last year the attendance on the corresponding Sunday was 145, but rose later on to

250. Thus there is excellent promise for the new year.

The rector spent the month of August at Castine, Maine, where he officiated twice at the local chapel, which is only open in summer.

The Junior Brotherhood is planning a nutting picnic at an early date.

The Crusaders defeated the Young Men's Club of St. John's church, Warehouse Point, early in September, in a game of base ball, which was the final event of a very successful season. The pennant of the inter-parochial league goes to the Crusaders' nine. The event will be celebrated duly in the near future.

Everything points to a rousing year for the workers of old Christ church, and we are looking forward to a blessed and happy winter.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, with his family, has returned from a month's vacation, spent in Maine. During Mr. Hodgdon's absence, the pulpit has been occupied by Rev. D. D. Marsh and by our former pastor, Rev. H. B. Roberts.

That it was a most agreeable change to resume worship in the pleasant auditorium of our church on Sunday, September 10, was attested by the large attendance.

On Wednesday evening, August 9, E. C. Knapp, assisted by several other delegates from the Fourth church of Hartford, gave interesting reports of the recent Sunday-school convention at Toronto, at the Town Hall. The young ladies' chorus from the Fourth church, rendered a number of pleasing songs.

The annual Bible school picnic, after postponement for a week on account of unfavorable weather, was held on Wednesday, August 23, at Elizabeth park. A very enjoyable day was spent by all, it being an ideal one for a picnic.

A committee of the Christian En-

deavor Society has collected flowers for the Union for Home Work, every Saturday during the summer months, Dr. Munger kindly delivering the same.

The twenty-fourth annual Bazaar of our church will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the fourth and fifth of October. There will be the usual number of booths with fancy articles, domestics, flowers, candy, etc. and in the dining room, dinner and supper will be served each day.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The six o'clock Sunday evening services have been resumed.

Mr. S. W. Raymond gave very interesting talks for the first two Sunday evenings of this month.

Miss Ella Myers is spending her vacation at Elizabeth, N. J.

Mrs. Webb, a former teacher in the Sunday-school, is here from her home in Maine, visiting friends.

The King's Daughters have resumed their meetings for the winter.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The services were resumed after the summer vacation, Sept. 3. The Lord's Supper was administered Sunday, Sept. 10, our pastor officiating at each service.

The midweek prayer meeting will be resumed Thursday evening, at 7.30.

The Sunday-school and Young People's meeting will be delayed until more have returned to their homes.

The church and chapel have been re-carpeted and fixed up during the summer vacation, which has improved their appearance very much.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The greater part of the church have returned from their vacations, and as we are again taking hold of our accustomed church life we are meeting a new obstacle. Our pastor, whom we had come to regard as ours for a good while to come, if not for life, has thought it wise to make a change and accept a call to Springfield, Mass.

His resignation was read Sunday morning, Sept. 17, to take effect the latter part of the present year.

A meeting of the church is called for Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, to consider the matter. A church is rarely favored with such strong, clear, light giving sermons as we have had during Mr. Teeple's ministry of over five years, and he will not be released without regret.

We have laid away one more of our

aged members the past month. Miss Harriet Andrews, who has for many years been deprived of church privileges through ill-health. She died at the age of ninety-two years, a faithful, conscientious, quiet Christian.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

All the church services were resumed the first of September, except the Sunday evening preaching service, which will be begun the first of October. Mr. William Sinclair, of the Seminary, occupied the pulpit Sunday morning, September 24. Communion will be celebrated the first Sunday in October.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Association will be held in the church parlors Tuesday evening, Sept. 26,

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL EAST HARTFORD.

Rally Day was observed by the Sunday-school September 24, by appropriate exercises and as expected many new pupils joined the school at that time.

The electric light fund has been growing and about half the amount necessary to finish the lighting of the church property is in hand. Next Sunday a special offering for that purpose will be taken and should provide the necessary amount, as it is desired that the auditorium should be lighted before evening services are begun.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The pastor has returned from his vacation and all the regular services of the church have been resumed.

A goodly number of our young people attended the union service of the Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor, held at St. Paul's church, Sunday evening, September 17.

The new hymnals have arrived and were used for the first time Sunday, Sept. 10.

Sunday, October 1, will be observed as Rally Day.

The Junior Epworth League resumed its services Sept. 17.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.

The church opened the first of Sept. having been closed during the month of August. The attendance is fair, and increasing.

The Sunday-school opened Sept. 17. It is expected that all of the parochial organizations will begin their work for the season soon.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The Y. P. C. U. meetings have been resumed and are held at 6.15 on Sunday evenings. The attendance has been very good and the interest of the officers and members is so marked that a prosperous and successful year's work is anticipated.

The pastor has returned with renewed health and vigor from his vacation, spent in Gloucester, Mass.

On Sunday, September 17, the cornerstone of the new Church of the Redeemer on Asylum avenue was laid. The pastor, Rev. John Coleman Adams, assisted by Rev. William W. Ranney and Rev. Harold Pattison, presided. The ceremony was an impressive one and many were present to witness it.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The chapel services have been very well attended during the past month, the Christian Endeavor meetings, especially. The Sunday evening preaching service has been missed and the pastor will be welcomed indeed upon his return.

Several of our members are leaving their homes for school or college, now that the vacation season is passed.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our Young People's Society is interesting itself in the work of the new colportage wagon recently started upon its travels by the State Convention.

Our former pastor, Rev. J. S. James has found opportunity twice during the past month to favor us with his presence in our pulpit. Dr. James is always greeted gladly by his many friends in the church.

Our pastor, Rev. Harold Pattison, returned from his vacation recently and occupied the pulpit again on Sunday morning, September 17. During the summer Mr. Pattison succeeded in getting his father's book into final shape for the publishers.

On September 24, our annual Rally Day was observed in the Sunday-school. There was a large number present and the occasion was a grand success.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The assistant pastor, Louis H. Koehler, conducted the services last Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor.

On Sunday evening, September 17,

the Rev. Harry E. Peabody, pastor of the Windsor Avenue Congregational Church, preached a most helpful sermon. Music was furnished by the vested choir and the junior and young ladies' choruses.

The Men's Meetings, preceding the morning preaching service on Sunday, have been resumed. The attendance is gratifying and gives evidence of continued interest in the service.

NORTH METHODIST.

Practically all the people of the parish have returned from their summer vacations, and our preaching services are being well attended. The attendance at the Thursday evening prayer meetings has materially increased and much interest is manifest.

We are all glad to welcome our pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, back from a pleasant August outing at Southold, L. I. His presence at our religious and social gatherings is always an inspiration.

Mr. Frank Waldo Knox has been chosen by our Christian Endeavor Society as its next president, and we are looking forward to a helpful year together.

Two of our members have passed away this summer, Mr. George Bartlett early in August, and Mrs. H. E. Loveland on Sept. 11. We shall greatly miss their presence.

Owing to the resignation of our organist, Mrs. H. D. Brundage, the church music committee was obliged to look around for a music leader, and has selected Mrs. Alfred D. Wassall, of Garden St., formerly organist at St. Thomas' Episcopal and the East Hartford Congregational churches.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Sept. 10, a kindergarten was formed, with Mrs. Howard Dabney as teacher.

In the evening, Rev. Herbert Macy gave a talk on Tennyson and read several of his poems.

Several from our church attended the meeting of the Berlin and Wethersfield Union in Kensington.

Sept. 15, a meeting of the Ladies' Sewing Society was held and plans made for a fair to be held in November. It was decided to devote our efforts to aid our own church for the present.

September 24, was Rally Day.

An effort is being made to increase our Sunday-school attendance. The school is divided into "the blues" and "the reds." Miss Nina Blair is leader of one side and Mr. George Hanbury,

the other. The object is for each side to get as many as possible and the winning side are to be given a supper.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

The Ladies Aid Society is planning its fair, to be held Oct. 11, 12 and 13.

The Men's Club is doing active business these days, the membership having increased 200 percent.

Vacation is over and things are getting settled for the winter's work.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On August 8, the Christian Endeavor Society gave a lawn party, which was well attended and much enjoyed.

On August 14, the pastor, Rev. S. E. MacGeehon and wife, with a few others, went into camp "Glenwood," at Twin Lakes, where they stayed until Sept. 7.

During the pastor's vacation, the Rev. Walter Thorpe of Elizabeth, N. J., supplied the pulpit with great satisfaction to the people. The third Sunday, Rev. P. R. Day of West Hartford, preached to the faithful who attended in the heavy rain.

Quite a number of friends visited the pastor and wife in Camp. Among whom was Mr. J. E. Brittain, our faithful and efficient bass singer in the choir.

In the absence of our valued organist, Miss Alice Sturtevant, our regular correspondent to the "Church Review," Mr. Wm. R. Purple, presided at the organ two Sundays, showing his ability and willingness to fit in anywhere.

Mr. Purple is now taking his vacation visiting friends in Providence and vicinity.

Rally Day in our Sunday-school was held last Sunday, Sept. 24, at 12 o'clock. A good program of music singing and speaking was rendered.

The repairs in the cellar and on the furnace are progressing.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The societies of the church are looking forward to active work for the coming season. Meetings have commenced with some of them and plans will be arranged soon for work and social intercourse. Most of the members have returned from their vacations.

The Sunday-school resumed its ses-

sions on Sunday, September 10, after the usual summer vacation. A good attendance is expected from this time on.

A service in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Colt will be held in the church on Sunday morning Oct. 1. The Rev. Dr. Hart will preach the sermon.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our Sunday-school is preparing for the observance of Rally Day.

The Evangeline Circle is to give a harvest supper in the near future.

A meeting of the officers and members of the C. E. Society will be held on Sept. 26, at the home of its president, H. W. Newton.

Plans for the fall and winter work are to be discussed. At the close of the meeting a social time will follow.

UNITY CHURCH.

Owing to the illness of the pastor, the church was not open for services until September 24.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor is absent this month, having taken a Western trip in connection with his appointment as the annual preacher before the American Board meeting at Seattle. In his absence the assistant pastor will preach Sunday mornings.

The usual meetings of the church, which were omitted during July and August, have been resumed.

GRACE CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The Ladies' Guild held its annual meeting on Thursday afternoon last at the parish house. The board of officers of last year were re-elected, save that Mrs. Clarence Bryant was chosen secretary. Mrs. Harriman, the rector's wife, served a bountiful lunch. A very enjoyable afternoon was passed by the twenty-five or thirty ladies in attendance.

Miss S. Lulu Albee, who has been at her home in Windsor during the summer, has favored us on several Sundays by joining in our choir.

The Friday evening services have been renewed, the attendance being satisfactory.

The teachers in our Sunday-school have commenced the study of the life of St. Paul, to be continued throughout the winter. Their study hour follows immediately the Friday evening meeting.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The members of our church are returning from vacations and we are planning for the winter work.

Our September communion was held the second Sunday instead of the first, on account of the rain and so few being present.

The Sunday-school is planning for Rally Day, which we will hold the first Sunday in October. Souvenirs will be given and an interesting program is prepared.

Miss Elizabeth Dickinson, our Secretary, has returned from her vacation in Nova Scotia.

There is quite an epidemic of Typhoid fever in our neighborhood and a number of our members are among the victims.

Miss Bessie Noble expects to go to Pittsfield, Mass., for a time.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor has returned from a ten weeks tour of England, Belgium and Scotland, with his family. During his absence the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. Edward A. Steiner, of Iowa College. Mr. Steiner and his family lived in the parsonage during this period.

During the summer storm doors have been added to the vestibule entrances, giving more attention to the vestibules and obviating annoying draughts.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday, September 24, was the annual Rally Day of the Sunday-school. As we expected it was a very successful one for the school.

There was a re-union social Friday night, Sept. 22. At this social the leaders announced what they proposed to do the coming season and ask the co-operation of the others.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Our pastor returned from his vacation and preached to us on Sunday, Sept 3; evening services were begun on Sept. 10.

Miss N. I. Coolidge, our C. E. delegate to Silver Bay, spoke of her experience there before the C. E. meeting on Sunday evening, Sept 17.

Our Sunday-school has shown marked growth and increased interest in the past year under the superintendency of Prof. E. H. Morse. The

attendance is over double of what it was a year ago. A new and very popular feature is the orchestra which plays each Sunday and greatly helps the musical part of the service.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The rector, Rev. E. de F. Miel, has returned with his family from the Maine woods, where their vacation has been spent.

Sunday-School reopened September 17, with a large number of the old scholars present at both the morning and afternoon schools, the latter being augmented by seventeen new scholars.

A large number have passed their examinations for the morning session which is a graded school, and others will take their examinations this week.

Captain R. J. Goodman now has a class in the morning school, and Miss Sara H. Cole, Miss Annie Balmer, and Miss Carrie Moses have been enrolled as afternoon teachers.

Rev. Edmund J. Cleveland of Springfield preached at the morning service September 10, in exchange with Rev. F. C. Todd.

Mr. W. Blair Roberts has returned from Blackinton, Mass., where he has had charge of a mission chapel this summer, and will enter Berkeley Divinity school, at Middletown, this month.

VILLAGE STREET MISSION.

The Italian services have been continued during the summer and the Sunday-school has held sessions with the exception of a few Sundays. Flowers have been distributed every week.

Sunday, September 24, was observed as Rally Day, with special exercises and an address by an outside speaker. One feature of the program was the bringing of birthday offerings by those who have had birthdays during the summer. There will also be a special offering taken for the work of the International Sunday-school Association.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The union began its work for the coming year on Sept. 12.

The time was mostly filled with matters of business, planing for the coming conventions, etc. Delegates were chosen to attend the State convention which meets in Waterbury, Oct. 3-5. The next meeting of the

union will be held on Sept. 26. As this is to be the annual meeting, a large attendance is earnestly solicited.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The work in the cooking and sewing classes has been resumed with the opening of the public schools.

Most of the former students have returned, bringing with them many new applicants.

Our kindergarten, which began its work in April, 1897, has been discontinued for the present.

We hope there may be some way provided, so that this important branch of our mission may be taken up again before the influence already gained is forgotten.

The gymnasium will open in October and Mr. William P. Calder will continue in charge of this department.

Mrs. J. Coolidge Hills has returned to the Chapel after an illness which has kept her away for over two years.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Hills are visiting at Bethlehem, N. H.

Miss Henrietta C. Howe, one of our primary teachers has returned to Hartford after the summer spent with her sister in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Howe, with their son Edmund, who have been in another company, will return from Europe about October 5.

Our Sunday evening services have begun for the season and Rev. R. H. Potter preached September 17, taking for his topic "Christian Prayer."

The weekly teachers' meeting will begin October 3.

Rally Day will be observed by the Sunday-school October 8.

OPEN HEARTH.

The summer season's work, which has proved so much greater than usual, and, we believe, beneficial to numbers, has now closed and we are looking forward with confidence to the fall and winter. The work never ceases and as there are always cases of those needing our help, so we are always ready and willing to extend the helping hand to all who are willing to endeavor to do right.

The meetings which have been well kept up during the summer now draw greater numbers, among whom are many old faces, some of whom exhibit evidence of better times and better ways. Many of these now pay their way and have work in the city and in other places. Many new ones come also and, although they are with

us but a few days, a word of good advice and a little assistance by way of lodging and meals is cheerfully paid for by work in our wood yard. The citizens of Hartford who are relieved of the care of these people ought to feel that they should patronize our wood yard and thus enable us to do what would otherwise be a tax on them.

The children's meetings on Friday evenings are fully attended and an increased number will doubtless come to us this fall and winter.

Every department is flourishing and our superintendent labors steadily to improve the condition of all who come.

The pictures exhibited on magic lantern last season will soon be again commenced and, as usual, will prove a source of profit and instruction to all.

Our friends should not forget that clothing and shoes for men, women and children are needed now and through the winter and are freely distributed to the deserving. We do not sell such donations but give them out to the sick and poor and those in need.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Our Home has been filled to overflowing in the past weeks. A large number of girls and women have been helped in various ways. Situations have been found for many, strangers have been cared for and have been grateful for the aid afforded them. One woman who had been befriended said, "I say every day, I was a stranger and ye took me in."

A number of women with little children have been cared for, until other provision could be made for them. Letters are received almost daily from some of those who were formerly members of our family, as we make it a point to keep in touch with them by correspondence, visits and little gatherings from time to time.

A real interest in spiritual things has been manifest and a number of girls have been converted in the past few months.

Our service on Friday morning and Sunday afternoon are very helpful. Rev. Mr. Spencer of Denton, Maryland had charge one Sunday recently.

Miss S. E. Stone of Wilson, who has assisted in the work during the summer months, has returned to her school work in Wilson.

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HAIL AND FAREWELL.

Twelve and a half years ago this paper made its first appearance under the name "Young People at Work." An experienced publisher of this city, at that time, gave the infant three months to live, but it had too much vitality for such a brief career and has shown continued vigor ever since.

Indeed, a few years of life brought such a growth to the infant that it was deemed best to change its name in order to properly indicate its size and importance, so the new name of "The Church Review" has since been borne, with dignity and appropriateness.

It may be of interest here to repeat from the first issue the editorial:

"By Way of Introduction."

"Our plan, our hope, our province, are self-explained in our title—'Young People at Work.' We place our first issue before the public without boast or promise, preferring that what we do, rather than what we say shall speak for us.

"While our scope must be, for various and obvious reasons, somewhat limited, we desire to interest ourselves in any movement in which Christian young people are concerned; to keep the societies among Hartford young people in touch with each other, by making record of the various phases of common effort as they manifest themselves, and by discussing methods and means in a broad spirit of mutual helpfulness and encouragement.

"We shall endeavor vigilantly to avoid doctrinal controversies and denominational discussions of every name and degree; we are in existence to help in those things concerning which we are agreed, and will avoid those questions concerning which we differ.

"We want to make 'Young People at Work' a helpful agency in the Christian life and work of Hartford; in order to do it we shall need the help and encouragement of all interested; the patience and lenient judgment of those who might criticize, and the grace to improve every opportunity to aid in the service of the Master."

The scope of the paper as given has been followed, though in a somewhat enlarged sense. It has had every encouragement, it has been kindly judged for all its failings, and it has, also, we believe, been of some real service during these twelve and a half years past.

And now "Farewell!"

While in full vigor, having the support it needs, financially, it becomes necessary to discontinue owing to the pressing demands upon the time and efforts of its managing editor, and the difficulty of finding another to carry the burden. It is with no little regret that this is decided upon and the very pleasant relations between "The Church Review" and its readers are brought to an end.

PRAYER FOR A NATIONAL REVIVAL.

The largest and most consecrated General Conference ever held at Northfield closed a sixteen-day session August 20, amid a song of glory and a prayer for a national revival. The big gathering started out quietly and conservatively, as have all the other conferences for the last twenty-five years, but with the advent of C. M. Alexander, "The Apostle of Sunshine", as he became known in the famous Torrey-Alexander revival in England, and with an inspired address by Len G. Boughton of Atlanta, a

new spirit came over the place. Prayers for a revival were made incessantly and one hundred thousand little cards, bearing the following inscription, were scattered broadcast among the people, "O Lord send a revival and begin in me, for Jesus' sake, Amen." Personal work came to the front and not an unchristian man at the Conference was left unapproached. After-meetings were held at each evening service, and on Sunday, "The great day of the feast," hundreds were led to confess Christianity. The call to unity in this prayer was sent to every part of the Union by the thousands who were there and the purpose is manifest everywhere to follow Mr. Alexander and "pray for a national revival, not once nor twice but pray until it comes." Other speakers took up the cause with heart and soul. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, who lectured every morning at nine, urged it with all the power of his eloquence; Prebendary Webb-Peploe of St. Paul's Cathedral lent the strength of his long and honored service; Prof. Jas. Denney of Glasgow gave the encouragement of his learning. The Conference ended but many of the speakers remained in Northfield to deliver the Post-Conference addresses which continued to September 15. Dr. Morgan gave the first of these addresses August 21. He was followed from August 22 to 26, by Prof. James Denney, who lectured on the different aspects of Christ; from August 22 to September 7, by Mr. Webb-Peploe, whose subject was "The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life;" from September 4 to 9, by Dr. G. F. Pentecost of Madison Avenue Church, New York city; and from September 12 to October 15, by Dr. A. T. Pierson of Brooklyn, who is speaking on "Bible Search and Discovery." Dr. Pierson's lectures merge the Post-Conference addresses into the regular exercises of the Northfield Bible Training School for Christian Workers, which begins its sixteenth year, September 22.

CHURCH GOING BY CHILDREN.

The Rev. Dr. Hillis, of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, has been doing good service by sharply calling attention to a lack of parental authority in the matter of the church-going habits of children. He justly condemns the practice of letting children of even eight or nine years of age decide whether they shall go to church or not. Parents are altogether too indifferent in this matter, especially in cities, and it is a subject which

the pulpit can very well treat with vigor.

In this connection it might be said that the Sunday-school is a splendid supplement to church attendance, but a poor substitute for it. In this age of specialization, many look upon the Sunday-school as the children's church. This is a grave mistake.

The Sunday-school has information for its keynote, not worship. Its stirring activity, its friendly bustle, its conventional and familiar atmosphere lack the quality of reverence which is the very first essential of public worship. The best Sunday-school for a child, if there can be but one, is a seat in the family pew beside its parents, at the ordinary services of the church.

The argument that children acquire an aversion to the church by being forced to "go to meeting" by their parents is ridiculous. Children are "forced" by their parents to do all sorts of things, such as eating good food and abstaining from food that is harmful, attending school and going to bed. It is not apparent that they thereby acquire a rooted aversion to wholesome food, to sleep or to an education. Nor is it a matter of observation that children who are trained up by their parents to go to church are the people who, when they come to adult years, constitute the absentee class from church attendance and services. The argument is simply one of those ingenious and plausible little fictions invented by that very rabid opponent of church services, the Father of Lies.

The problem of the city is an ever present one. The churches are continually confronted with it, and it is more and more evident that practical Christianity will alone solve it. The contrast drawn by the Rev. Dr. Hillis, between the condition of New York today and that of Rome in the time of St. Paul furnishes historic ground for the most optimistic confidence. He said: "Not the tenth part of our city can be called slums. But when Paul entered Rome that city was nine-tenths slums. There were only 1,700 citizens who owned their own houses. There were 40,000 tenement houses in Rome, the general type being buildings four stories in height, in which families were herded like swine. When the Church began its divine career, the title deeds of all the Roman Empire were vested in 2,000 men. One man alone held the deeds of the greater part of Asia Minor. There were a score of Roman citizens who had an income of \$5,000,000 a year, or

a capital of \$100,000,000, and this at a time when money went probably twenty times further than today. The Church, within three centuries, slew five of the seven great evils of its day. The Church is now to be the chief instrument for the redemption of the city from sin and sorrow."

PERSONAL CARD.

I desire in this, the last issue of "The Church Review," to tender my hearty thanks to the many friends and patrons who have stood by the paper so faithfully and for so many years, as well as for the constant personal encouragement I have received.

To the subscribers and other readers who have been charitable in their judgment as to the merits and demerits of the contents of the Review;

To the advertisers, by whose steady and generous patronage the Review has been able to add to its size and maintain a reasonable standard of excellence;

To its fifty correspondents who, month by month, have faithfully reported the doings of their several churches or societies;

To the newspapers of Hartford, with which the Review has always been on friendly and fraternal terms;

To the clergy of Hartford and vicinity, whose interest has been unflinching and whose occasional articles have always been of interest and value;

And to Mr. D. S. Moseley, publisher of the Review, for unflinching effort to do his important part each month.

Thanks, one and all, and so, exit,

Yours cordially,

ALBERT H. CROSBY,
Managing Editor.



CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Within the past few weeks we have placed eight children in family homes. Two of them are sisters whose father deserted the family some years ago, and the mother died, leaving two of the girls in our care. The children seem to fit into these new homes delightfully, and we know they are already winning their way, as children will.

Another child of six years whom we will call Julia has been placed in an excellent home, and also a little girl of three years; both have gone to homes where children are very much wanted, and we know that when people take these very young children, it is for the love of them, and not for what they can do.

Our sweetest baby, a girl of eighteen months, has also been taken by a family in another city, and she also has fallen into most loving care. When she was brought to the office last week, she divided the time between her new papa and mamma, going from one to the other in most affectionate fashion, so happy in realizing the warm place she had already won for herself in their hearts.

How beautiful is the spirit which prompts childless families to take one of these little ones into their homes! And how precious for the children to be so taken! There are compensations on both sides, which glorifies the deed, and makes it one of the highest acts of beneficence.

A Building Committee has been chosen from the Board of Directors and plans for the new school house at the Home are already being made. It is not fully decided that the work will be started this fall, but if not, the plans will be perfected, and work begun early in the spring.

The work of renovating the girl's day room at the Home has been accomplished this week, and the nurses dining room has also been kalsomined and finished with burlap about the sides. It seemed necessary to do this, as the walls had been left unfinished.

The annual meeting of the State Society will be held at the Home on Wednesday, Oct. 4, and all friends interested are cordially invited to be present. Luncheon will be served from 12 to 1 o'clock by the Hartford Branch.

The Sunshine Society recently added 19 new members to the branch for the Newington Home for Children.

During the summer, a branch of the Society was formed at the Children's Home in Newington, called "The Good Will Branch of Hartford Branch." The work is very useful and practical. It has been affecting as well as interesting to note the different ways in which some of the young invalids try to carry out their pledge, of trying to do some kind deed each day. It was through the influence of Miss L. Anna Chesebrough that this branch was formed.

The fourth annual convention of

the Connecticut Division of the International Sunshine Society will be held in New Britain, Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m. The place of meeting will be the First Church of Christ. The morning session will be devoted entirely to business. The president-general, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, will be present, as well as other interesting speakers.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Endeavorers:

I am in receipt of a circular letter from the United Society, calling attention to the Quarter-Centennial Memorial Movement. This movement is based on the twenty-five years of Endeavor life. It certainly is a most commendable movement and one that you and myself and our friends may enter into with all our most earnest, energetic, enthusiasm, and help to develop successfully.

It calls for an offering from all members of twenty-five cents (one cent for each of the twenty-five years) also from all friends of the C. E. organization.

It is hoped that a fund can be established that will permit the erection of a memorial building at some suitable and convenient locality; which will be a testimony of our love for Dr. Clark and all that he represents. This is to be an international building devoted to Christian Endeavor work and making a general headquarters for the different branches of Endeavor work.

Also the income from this amount, which shall be invested, shall apply to labor in the mission field.

Dr. Clark and others for some years have been obliged to add to their already large duties that of going about personally to raise \$10,000 a year with which to support single organizers in China, India and Africa. The Quarter Centennial Movement would care for this foreign work and relieve Dr. Clark of a great burden.

Your Society directors will bring this to your attention more fully very soon and I bespeak for the movement your hearty and earnest support.

Let the amount realized from our

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membership in the Hartford C. E. Union be a handsome one.

Yours in Christian Endeavor,
ALBERT H. BROOKS,
President.

ADDITIONAL BOOK NOTICES.

....CARD TO PUBLISHERS.....

With many thanks to publishers for the excellent books and magazines which have come to the Review, we beg to notify them that this will be our last issue and that we should be dropped from the mailing lists, etc.

Yours respectfully,
GEORGE E. CROSBY, JR.,
Literary Editor.

A Little Cook-Book for a Little Girl.
By the author of "Gala Day Luncheons." 179 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Dana, Estes & Co. Price 75 cents.

It is doubtful if mothers of young girls ever had a more welcome and unexpected book offered them. Surely there will be exclamations of "just what we wanted!", when this little work is discovered.

It is a hand-book suited for girls from seven to fourteen who are learning to make plain or pretty dishes, and find the recipes in ordinary cook-books discouraging.

The Reporter's Manual. By John Palmer Gavit. 82 pages, 32 mo. Albany, N. Y.: John P. Gavit, Publisher, Price \$1.00.

It is not necessary to introduce Mr. Gavit. He is well remembered by every reader of the Review as its former editor, while he resided in Hartford. Mr. Gavit is now in charge of the Associated Press, Albany Bureau.

In the little volume at hand, the author shows the practical results of his own varied experience. His hints as to news-getting contain ideas that are more than mere reiterations. The clearness of his directions and explanations are of very material inspiration to good work and discriminating effort. A reporter will gain much by studying this,—whatever the exact line of work he is most effected by. Out of town correspondents and other general writers will equally profit by a frequent reference to it, as instructions in sufficient detail are given to cover almost any contingency.

The Joys of Friendship. By Mary Allette Ayer. 205 pages, 12 mo.

Boston: Lee & Shepard. Price \$1.00.

Miss Ayer is known well as the compiler of the "Daily Cheer Year Book". This new book, arranged on somewhat similar lines, is a collection of quoted passages, referring to the beauties of friendship.

The book is arranged in sections, entitled respectively: "The Love," "The Companionship," "The Sympathy," "The Influence," and "The Immortality of Friendship," closing with a section called "The Divine Friendship."

A Maid of Japan. By Mrs. Hugh Fraser. 222 pages, 12 mo. New York: Henry Holt & Co. Price \$1.25.

The opening chapters of this poetic romance of Japan tells a story not unfamiliar to readers. In brief,—as the writer tells it,—it is of a contemptible foreigner who betrays the love of an affectionate and guileless maid of Japan.

Very happily though, for the sake of the wholesomeness and optimistic attractiveness of the book, the story that follows is in a different tone, exquisite in its imagery and style and charming as a love story.

Hime is a most interesting and unusual heroine and she is portrayed in admirable language. The same may be said of Nakayama, the Japanese graduate of Princeton, who acts as guide and instructor to young Barrington.

Lords of the Soil. By Lydia A. Jocelyn and Nathan J. Cuffee. 467 pages, 12 mo. Boston: C. M. Clark Pub. Co. Price \$1.50.

One is reminded as he reads this story that the day of the real old fashioned Indian story is passed. It has been so long since the novels of Fenimore Cooper were our favorites among American stories of the Indian, that this new Indian romance is most welcome. Well, it is a mighty good story, too, thrilling and vigorous, filled with vivid scenes and exciting situations.

Six Incursions (by a Predatory Pew) into some Theologic Fastnesses. By Edward Augustus Jenks, M.A. 237 pages, 12 mo. New York: Robert Grier Cooke, Publisher. Price \$1.25.

The author explains in a preface that these essays "were written primarily for those who believe implicitly in Christ Jesus as the Redeemer of the world—the Messiah of the Bible; for those only who can think, who

dare to think, and are not afraid.

The following are the chapter headings: "God Creation," "The Creation of Man," "Sin. Moral Evil," "Jesus Christ. Prayer," "One Church—Above, Below," and "The Trinity."

The author declares that "for years the realization of a personal, ever-present, loving God and Father seems to have been fading from the minds of men. He has become a scientific abstraction,—hence pure religion suffers, and the Church of Christ becomes languid and lifeless. One aim of the author has been to bring back, if possible, the fast lapsing belief in a personal God, and to make him real again."

The Making of a Teacher. By Martin G. Brumbaugh, Ph.D., L.L.D. 351 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: The Sunday School Times Co.

The author is the Professor of Pedagogy in the University of Pennsylvania. His book is described as "a contribution to some phases of the problem of religious education" and one is inclined to feel after reading this that he has covered the problem very thoroughly, unravelled many of its mysteries, and offered an intelligible and practical guide to everyone who may aspire either as a student or a teacher.

Religion of the Ancient Egyptians. By George Steindorff, Ph.D. 178 pages, 8 vo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.50.

Dr. Steindorff aims to give a very clear idea to every reader of the nature of the religion of the ancient Egyptians, and how it originated, developed and finally died out. From a multitude of deities it is shown that the people came to believe in only a few. Just how these changes of belief occurred is indicated very clearly, many legends being quoted, staid anecdotes related, details of worship and forms described, and references to arbitrary changes by rulers carefully considered.

We desire to state in this, our last issue, that complete files of "The Church Review" from April, 1892, to September, 1905, inclusive, will be presented to the Hartford Public Library and the Theological Seminary. If reference to any number is desired, it can probably be obtained at either place. Also, for the present, orders for back numbers can be filled by addressing, "The Church Review, P. O. Box 441, Hartford."



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Monday night, Sept. 25, has been selected as the opening night for the coming season's work in the Young Men's Christian Association. A program of unusual interest to young men will be presented by way of entertainment.

There will be an exhibit of work done by the students of the Hillyer Institute and the working rooms of the Association will be open for inspection. The plans for the coming winter embrace an unusually large number of studies of value to the average young man; special attention to the department of Physical Culture, and all the other usual activities will be carried out.

The bible classes will embrace 5 departments of study. The studies to be introduced are as follows: "Life Problems," conducted by S. Wales Dixon, Physical Director; a character study of "Paul the Man," conducted by H. M. Gerry, Educational Director; "Lessons in Biblical Facts and History," conducted by Noel H. Jacks, General Secretary; "Studies in Missions," with special reference to Japan, conducted by Mr. Geo. Benton Smith, recently of a Y. M. C. A., in India; and "Principles and Methods of Teaching" with special reference to Bible classes, to be conducted by Principal Arthur D. Call, of the Second North School. As in former years all the students of these classes will take supper together in the Association building at 6:40 p. m. The study hour is from 7 to 8 p. m. Tuition is free and all young men whether members of the Association or not, and regardless of religious belief, are earnestly and cordially invited to attend.

The gymnasium classes open on Monday, October 2. There will be classes for men of all ages and the work will be adapted to the individual needs of the men.

The theatre meetings for men open

on Sunday, in the Hartford Opera House, October 22. A very strong array of speakers has been secured for these great meetings.

The opening sale of reserved seats for the Star Course Entertainments begins Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, in the Association building, October 22.

I KNOW.

I know the hand that is guiding me
through the shadow to the light,
And I know that all betiding me is
meted out aright;
I know that the thorny path I tread,
is ruled by a golden line,
And I know that the darker life's tangled
thread, the richer the deep
design.

—Anon.

The recent death of Miss Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, better known as Susan Coolidge, at Newport, R. I., at the age of 70, removes another favorite author of stories for young people, whose books like those of Louisa M. Alcott's, will be read by boys and girls of the second and third generation. "The Katy-Did" books, the first of which was published in 1872, have enjoyed widespread popularity, a new edition being printed annually to supply the demand. Susan Coolidge was the author of many widely quoted poems, one of the sweetest commencing:
"Every day is a fresh beginning;
Every morn is the world born new."

RUSSIA LOSES LIQUOR REVENUE.

The following interesting cable news from Russia regarding an unexpected revolt of the people from the liquor tyranny in that empire is in striking contrast with recent similar news from Japan.

In Japan a widely extending temperance movement has urged abstinence throughout the war as a means of increasing the national war-chest, the abstainers being asked to contribute to the war-fund what they save by their abstinence. In Russia it evidently works the other way. The following cablegram tells the story:

"St. Petersburg, June 3.—The Russian people—that is, the Russian plain people—have begun a new revolution against the government. They are refusing to drink. To understand the gravity of the revolt it should be stated that over 500,000,000 roubles (\$250,000,000) of the revenue which

the autocracy spends upon its grand feasts, is derived from the sale and taxation of strong liquors. Since the establishment of the drink monopoly in 1895, the drink traffic of the people of the whole empire has passed into the hands of the state.

Drink takes the first place in the vast budget of 2,000,000,000 roubles.

A CHRISTIAN HERO AND TRANSLATOR.

One of the most heroic figures of the present day is a man whose very name is known to few and whose life is familiar to even fewer. He lives in a small hired house in the city of Tokio, Japan. His name is Samuel I. J. Schereschewsky. For six years he was missionary bishop at Shanghai. Nineteen years ago illness, brought on largely through his work, rendered him almost helpless. Refusing to be a burden to the mission, he resigned his office. But he would not consider that his working days were over. His paralyzed body prevented him any longer going about the work of evangelization, but he would sit in a chair and work for China by translating the entire Bible into easy Wenli, so that more of the common people might read its message. This he has been doing for many years, working with such restless energy, though struggling against pain and helplessness, that he has kept two secretaries busy. He wrote his translation of the entire Bible in Roman characters upon the typewriter, though he could use only one finger of one hand, and needed eight years to complete the task.

—Missionary Review.

To The Church Review:

In a letter recently received from Rev. Horace R. Williams, of Terra Haute, Indiana, he tells us the number of divorces in that county in August this year, was just half the number of the licenses applied for, for matrimony. The usual ratio is 33 per cent. Are divorces becoming popular?

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Some apology must be made for this issue on account of its lateness and the somewhat liberal use of "plate" matter. Both of these are chargeable to the printer's strike and our consequent difficulty in getting our type set.

"When in doubt how to act, ask yourself, What does nobility command?" is a fine hint given by a mod-

ern sage. Some people wonder why the Bible does not lay down special and detailed rules for everything. It does better—it holds up the perfect ideal of nobility, and says, "Follow!"

"No, suh," said Mr. Erastus Pinkly, "I nebber sold my vote to nobody."

"But that candidate gave you two dollars."

"Yas, suh; I doesn't deny dat. He jes' come along an' gimme dat two. An' when a gemman comes along an' gives you two dollahs foh nuffin', it ain't no mo' dan common reciprocity to vote foh him foh nuffin';"—Washington Star.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

The man who can be patient and can take all the slanders silently is the man who has love in his heart.—Rev. Dr. Edward Judson, Baptist, Chicago.

What Prayer Is.

Prayer is not teasing God into granting something which may or may not be best for us, but prayer is the soul's peace in the consciousness of God's presence. It is adoration and confession and thanksgiving as well as petition.—Rev. Edward B. Bagby, Christian Church, Washington.

A Daughter of Religion.

Hope, too, is the daughter of religion. Her torch alone casts light upon the impenetrable future. Pluck all the roses of pleasure and wear all the crowns of honor this earth can give, it is still true, as Gray pathetically sings in his elegy, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave."—Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, Lutheran, New York.

Back to Simple Life.

Luxuriousness is but the forerunner of national enervation, corruption, decadence and death. A return to a simpler life and a faithful adherence to the habits of industry, sobriety and honesty are the only means of preventing our strength and glory from departing from us.—Rev. O. R. Jenks, Christian Church, Chicago.

Effect of Sin.

The life of sin is freighted with want and misery. God will forgive the sin, but you will be compelled to reap the harvest. Grace will not take out anything you saw or heard, and you will know some day, if not forgiven, what God meant by the worm that never dies or the fire that is not quenched.—Rev. W. H. Williams, Evangelist, Cincinnati, O.

Power of Prayer.

God interposes when natural laws will not save. Real, fervent, trustful prayer lifts our poor humanity up into a sweet fellowship and communion with God. Could we but realize that he is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think we would know more of the power of prayer.—Rev. Dr. John Douglass, Baptist, Nottingham, England.

Emergency and Reserve.

Emergency tests the reserve; it shows what one's past has been and what he is now. The most valuable thing in life is the trial that proves and develops character, that brings out the reserve.—Rev. Dr. Luccock, Methodist, St. Louis.

Prayer and Praise.

What we receive from God in prayer we should return to God in praise. All should sing. Many of the sweetest hymns are noblest prayers. In singing them the heart is lifted both in prayer and praise. Songless souls are largely sunless lives.—Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, Baptist, New York.

Answer to Prayer.

God may postpone the answer to our petition in order that he may test or develop or exemplify our faith. Had Jesus granted at once the request of the Syro-Phoenician woman we should have missed that story of humble, patient, triumphant faith. "His delays are not denials."—Rev. Edward B. Bagby, Christian Church, Washington.

Heroism Linked to Duty.

True heroism is always linked with duty. It is never a mere rash or foolhardy deed. Its very spontaneousness springs from feelings of love or loyalty for humanity. "All that a man hath he will give for his life," but all that a man hath, with life itself, he will give for another under the impulse of a self-sacrificing heroism.—Bishop Fallows, Episcopalian, Chicago.

Peril in the "Bracing" Habit.

Today the United States is in a nervous age. Everything is done with quickness and nerve, and to keep up this state many people use something for a bracer. This bracer is supplied by the saloon. It is a dangerous source of supply, and America is in danger of being swamped from the growth of the bracing habit fostered by the saloon.—Rev. E. N. Lorimer, Baptist, Worcester, Mass.

Building of Christian Character.

We can build cathedrals if we have money and we can build cathedral schools and we can teach the boys the catechism and church history and the thirty-nine articles, if we choose, and the Bible, but in the end we cannot say of the boy or girl that he or she is a Christian. No, but what the church school can and must do is to give the means for building the Christian character.—Bishop Burgess, Episcopalian, Garden City, N. Y.

The Coming of Religion.

Religion does not come by instruction. No amount of Bible reading or chapel exercises or catechisms will communicate it. Nor can the absence of these things endanger it. Religion is born of experience, of the struggle of life. It is the result of the pressure of the divine will on the human. It is the compulsion of God making itself felt in a man's life. And everything that compels that contact produces religion. If you would learn religion, if you would find God, go out into life, into the storm and blast.—Rev. Willard Brown Thorp, Congregationalist.

SOBERNESS IN WAR.

ITS GREAT VALUE AS A MILITARY AND NAVAL ASSET.

Japan's Demonstration of a Fact Long Ago Recognized by England and America—Mistaken Idea That Grog Increased Fighting Capacity.

While Japan in her conflict with Russia has illustrated and emphasized the value of sobriety as a military and naval asset in war, it is to the United States and Great Britain that belongs the credit of having been the first to abandon those old time ideas that drink improved the fighting qualities of the men.

In the Russian navy, as in those of nearly all the maritime powers of continental Europe, the custom still prevails of doubling the rations of wine or spirits served out to the crews before going into action. Uncle Sam has long since abolished the daily allowance of grog to the men of his navy and strictly prohibits the use of stimulants on board his ships when they are at sea, while the British admiralty as far back as 1897 issued the most stringent orders to the commanders of all British men-of-war in commission that not a drop of alcoholic liquor, no matter whether spirits, wine or malt, should be allowed when there was any fighting to be done. In order to satisfy the thirst engendered by the heat, exertion and smoke inseparable from a naval combat supplies of oatmeal water for drinking are arranged all over the ship. Japan not long afterward adopted the same rules with regard to drink in her navy.

This radical departure by the United States, Great Britain and Japan from the practice which still prevails in the navies of other maritime powers is rendered imperative by the extreme importance of sighting with the utmost degree of exactness the guns, upon the precision of which the success of every action at sea—or, for the matter of that, on land—nowadays depends. The man who does not drink is more cool and collected and therefore better able to shoot with accuracy than any one whose pulse is in the least bit quickened by stimulant.

It is no longer fierceness, fury and recklessness that are required of the officers and men, but calmness and collectiveness. In naval engagements there is but little boarding to be done in these days of ironclad warfare. Vessels are no longer armed with tier upon tier of small guns—some of the men-of-war of the early Victorian era having had over a hundred of them. Modern battleships and cruisers are equipped with gigantic pieces, relatively few in number, but carrying projectiles of colossal weight over a range of several miles.

It is no longer necessary to pepper the hull of a man-of-war full of small cannon ball holes in order to sink her. This can be achieved by a single well directed shot from any one of the great

guns with which the warship of the present day is armed. Everything depends, therefore, upon the precision of the gunnery, and the belligerent whose every shot carries home is practically certain to win the day. That constituted the extraordinary success of Admiral Dewey at Manila and of the still more phenomenal victories of Admiral Togo in the present war. In the same way that every American projectile found its billet in the battle of Manila, annihilating the Spanish fleet there with a ridiculously small injury to the United States squadron, so was the huge armada of Admiral Rojestvensky swept off the face of the sea by the magnificent precision of the fire of the Japanese, whose ships sustained practically no damage.

Togo's gunners, like those of Dewey, went into action cool headed and completely sober, whereas most of the men who handled the Russian guns were, when not actually drunk, at any rate under the influence of powerful stimulants, rationed out to them in the mistaken and old fashioned idea of improving their fighting qualities.

In the case of hostile operations on land the same considerations prevail and must weigh in the balance of victory or defeat. The soldier's shooting as well as his staying power is improved by temperance. In these days, especially with new quick firing rifles and guns, there is a tendency on the part of the troops to fire wildly and to squander their ammunition at the very outset of the engagement. Indeed, the one object of officers is to keep their men calm, cool and collected and free from all excitement, so that they may reserve their fire for the proper moment, and then fire to hit. Moreover, experience obtained both by means of careful and exhaustive experiments as well as in actual warfare have demonstrated the beneficial effects of total abstinence upon the physical endurance of the troops.—Washington Post.

THE WORK IN GERMANY.

Gratifying Progress of the Catholic Temperance Societies.

The Catholic temperance movement in Germany was formulated to control the work of the factory town and watering place of Aachen at an immense convention of burghers held there in 1885. It was not until 1901, however, that these efforts brought forth results in a definite organization formed at the sixteenth anniversary meeting of the Catholic Benevolent society at Aachen.

The leader of the movement, Curate Neumann, offered resolutions setting forth the three directions in which it seemed best the work should advance: First, dissemination of temperance doctrine by the printed page, especially by a people's periodical; second, organization of temperance societies; third, reclamation of drunkards by means of inebriate asylums, etc. These three points were again emphasized by him in his lecture not long after before

the Catholic benevolence societies.

The undertaking encountered many difficulties at first. A central committee was given charge of the work, with four branch committees scattered over the empire, but it was found that the central committee could not cope successfully with the very different problems which presented themselves in north and south Germany. Great results have, however, been accomplished in each of the three directions specified above.

In the erection of inebriate asylums considerable activity has been shown, as, in addition to the three for men in north Germany, two more for men and one for women are being planned in Baden and Sleswick.

As to literature, from 1897 to 1904 the People's Friend, a temperance and health journal, had a circulation of about 1,995,300 copies; leaflets, about 200,000; temperance catechisms and song books, 36,000; pictures, 7,000.

His eminence Dr. Anton Fischer, archbishop of Cologne, has been appointed diocesan director, and it is hoped the Catholic Temperance and Drink Saving society, formerly only a stepchild of the Catholic benevolence societies, will now make steady advance. Dr. Koepf of Breslau and other eminent prelates are also interested in the cause.—New Voice.

RECLAIMING THE INDIAN.

Effective Temperance of Weinito, Yakima Medicine Man.

At last it seems as if the "red man" was to be reclaimed from the whisky habit, says a Pendleton (Ore.) correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

This reformation among the inhabitants of the Umatilla Indian reservation is due to the visit of one Weinito, a "medicine man" of the Yakima reservation in Washington.

Weinito is said to have cured many Umatilla Indians of the liquor habit, the cure being so effective that even the smell of whisky causes the former heavy drinkers to become deathly sick.

During his two weeks' visit at Pendleton, Weinito, so it is claimed, drove the evil spirits from twenty-five men and women, all of whom had been addicted to the use of whisky.

In addition to these cures the "medicine man" is credited with having healed a number of Indians who had been in ill health for years.

Church to Aid Drunkards.

A clinic where persons afflicted with an uncontrollable craving for strong drink will be treated with absolute privacy is to be opened in the parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Newark, N. J. The venture will be supported by several local clergymen and will be under the personal supervision of the Rev. J. Martyn Neifert, rector of St. Paul's. It will be conducted along nonsectarian lines, although an effort will be made to combine a moral with a medical course of treatment.

HELPFUL TO AMBITIOUS YOUNG MEN.

Evening Classes at Hillyer Institute.

The Hillyer Institute has always been progressive in its plans to stimulate and improve the mental faculties of employed men. This and the thorough, systematic and practical instruction given, has made it the largest evening school in Connecticut exclusively for men.

This year many new additions have been made in the curriculum and some of the older subjects strengthened in various ways. For an illustration, all subjects in the Commercial department will be given three evenings a week instead of two, as formerly, which places this department on the same basis as other evening schools in the city.

One of the important branches of this department is bookkeeping. A few words on the methods employed at the Institute will show that only the modern is used. A few years ago but few business schools had anything better to offer in the way of business training than a course in text bookkeeping, which too often was more theoretical than practical. The method is a combination of theory and practice in just the right proportion.

As soon as the student has been taught what to do, he puts his knowledge into practice, dealing with actual business transactions and handling facsimile business papers. Thus the student does the actual work, and at the same time gains a thorough knowledge of why the work is done. This method prevents the student against surprises in business transactions that he may encounter in actual affairs of trade. It covers all the transactions from the simplest to the most complicated.

Through the entire course emphasis

is placed on the two essential qualifications of a good bookkeeper, accuracy and neatness.

Other subjects in this department are Arithmetic, Penmanship, English, Spelling, and Shorthand.

The other departments are trade, language, scientific, music and art. The largest number of new subjects appear in the Trade department; machine shop mathematics, a practical course for factory men, Plan Reading and Estimating for men in the building trades, and Electric Wiring are among them. While in the Musical department is to be found voice culture, pianoforte, violin and sight singing, for the first time.

Every man owes to himself a debt which is not paid by becoming merely an adding, selling, walking, digging or breathing machine. He owes it to himself to be prepared for advancement when the opportunity comes. The Institute with its various classes and many advantages is an excellent place for this preparation, as the large number of men, who have taken a course there will testify. If the young man is ambitious to reach the top these classes will surely be an invaluable help to him.

STAR COURSE OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

In another column of this issue will be found the advertisement of the Star Course of Entertainments given by the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. This is the 5th season of these popular attractions. They will be given in Foot Guard Hall and a glance at the array of talent will satisfy the most particular person that the course is one calculated to please all kinds of people.

The committee in charge believe that the talent engaged is the best

they have yet presented. It ought to be because it involves a larger expenditure of money.

The Association is anxious to impress upon the public that these entertainments are not given to make money. They are considered a part of the educational and recreative work of the Association.

The privilege is given patrons of securing the same seat for the entire course of 8 numbers. The price including this reserved seat for the 8 entertainments is only \$2.

Each of these entertainments if given alone and under other auspices could command from \$0.50 to \$1.00 for admission. We believe that the Young Men's Christian Association ought to be encouraged in maintaining this valuable course of entertainments. Our readers are urged to purchase tickets. The opening sale occurs on Monday, October 2.

"Trolley Trips Through Southern New England" is out for 1905, this being the sixth edition of this indispensable handbook for travelers.

In response to many requests, the trips from Philadelphia to New York and from Boston to Portland have been added to those in the territory heretofore covered.

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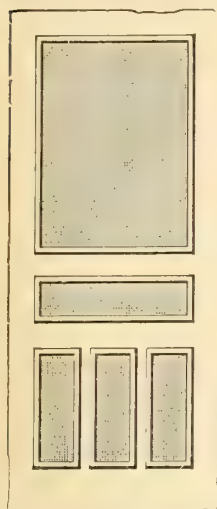
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ESS. ALICE OLESEN COMMICHN sends an interesting little booklet called "Mysteries of To-Day". It tells a story of more than ordinary psychic interest and as its facts are vouched for, one must consider the story not only interesting, but truly remarkable in its significance. The book is for sale by G. P. Putnam's Sons of New York city.

The Baronet Rag-Picker. By Charles S. Coom. 261 pages, 12 mo. Boston: C. M. Clark Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

Though told with some awkwardness, the novel plot of this story redeems it. It is called "a story of love and adventure" and it is very well named so, for it contains a great deal of each.

In the belief that his young bride of a few months is drowned the hero goes to another country. There in time he meets and loves and finally marries a beautiful girl whose sympathy had reclaimed him from discouragement. They are happy together until the second wife learns that the first wife is living and reveals the fact. The problem presented of course demands solution by a decision betwixt love and duty. It is better to let the reader find for himself how this complication was adjusted.

How to Read and What to Read. By Sherwin Cody. 130 pages, 32 mo. Chicago: The Old Greek Press. Price 50 cents.

In a brief compass and in the clear, meaty way characteristic of Sherwin Cody's well-known hand-books, he tells us what constitutes a good poem, a good essay and a good novel. Following these expositions come chapters on "Landmarks in Modern Literature," "How to study Shakespeare" "Old Novels that are Good," "The Romantic Novelists—Scott, Hugo, Dumas," "The Realistic Novelists—Dickens, Thackeray, Balzac," "The Short Story—Poe, Hawthorne, Maupassant," and "Classic Stories for Young People."

The Son of the Sword-Maker. By Opie Reed. 333 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: Laird & Lee. Price \$1.50.

Erasmus, who tells this story, was the son of a wealthy sword-maker of Rome. He becomes a centurion and according to his account, he it was who commanded the Roman soldiers who conducted the crucifixion.

Under Tiberius he marched against the Britons and though a courageous and daring fighter he was captured by one of their chiefs and presented to his beautiful daughter as her slave. The two learned to love each other and in that fact is contained the tender romance of the narrative.

Ande Trembath. By Matt. Stan. Kemp. 383 pages, 12 mo. Boston: C. M. Clark Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a tale of Old Cornwall, in England, and the author calls it: "A Story for Grown-up Boys."

It is of a boy living under a cloud and defrauded of his rights in an estate, who broods over his loss for a long time until at length fortune favors him. He is cast upon his own resources for a time, under what appear to be bad conditions, but eventually, after many exciting adventures, he comes into his own.

The Crimson Blind. By Fred. M. White. 378 pages, 12 mo. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co. Price \$1.50.

The Baltimore Sun recently declared, "We have read all the detective stories that have appeared in a year and without doubt the best story is "The Crimson Blind."

One who begins to read this thrilling story will very quickly assent to the "Sun's" judgment, for it is a brilliant novel and intensely interesting, being both logical and natural.

Amidst plot and counterplot there moves a most conscienceless rascal, who estranges the members of a family and causes much trouble in general.

Ben Pepper. By Margaret Sidney. 474 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Lothrop Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

Those many readers who were introduced to the youthful "Five Little Peppers" long ago and who have for years since noted "How They Grew," will appreciate the pleasure a child of today will find in this, the latest of the series.

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and will laugh heartily over the efforts of the other "Peppers" to create excitement enough to balance "Ben's" staidness. They are happily busy every moment. They seem never to rest and never lose their sunniness. "Ben" is admirable and unselfish always and yet in no sense a prig.

What Shall a Young Girl Read? By Margaret E. Sangster. 52 pages, 16mo. Philadelphia: The Sunday School Times Co. Price 50 cents.

Mrs. Sangster has written a very sensible, practical little work in this book of seven chapters, the titles of which follow:

"By Way of Preamble," "Life's Devotions," "The Practical Side," "Footprints on the Sands of Time," "Fact and Fiction," "Hymns and Poetry," and "About Reading the Bible."

Following the text proper, there is a useful appendix in which titles of books suggestive for a course of reading are given. The idea of the book is to influence reading of an inspirational and educative nature, rather than of that which is purely entertaining without intellectual profit.

The House that Jack Built. By Wesley Johnston. 253 pages, 12mo. New York: Eaton & Mains. Price \$1.25.

This is such a story as a fond aunt might give to a young nephew, being the tale of a boy who lived naturally, thought vigorously and acted clearly.

It is especially satisfactory to find a hero so well portrayed,—his little human foibles and weaknesses clearly shown. It makes the lesson of the story more telling and it surely adds most materially to its interest.

The boy learned to use his spare time well. To his own surprise the opportunity for the practical use of his acquirements came to him. He was encouraged thereby and began in earnest the business of living usefully. He made of his life a manly, noble, generous and courageous thing,—and that was "The House that Jack Built."

The American Family. By Frank N. Hagar. 196 pages, 8 vo. New York: The University Publishing Society.

The tendencies of the American family of our present day are here discussed from the standpoint of a lawyer and a student of sociology. Naturally it might be inferred that the author has had a double opportunity for arriving at wise conclusions. So one will be impressed with

the statement,—reasonable enough,—that it is proving detrimental to the American family that women are attempting the usurpation of so many of man's rights, without assuming his responsibilities. Further it is stated that the influx of foreigners is affecting the American home, and the exact effect and reason therefor is made apparent.

The Memoirs of an American Citizen.

By Robert Herrick. 351 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Macmillan Company. Price \$1.50.

Of all the stories and novels told recently in the autobiographic form, this is without doubt the most noteworthy and convincing. Mr. Herrick has projected himself, as it were, into the personality of a successful Chicago pork packer and it is the story of this man's life that is told here.

A man is apt to learn bitter lessons from adverse circumstances. He will be made cynical, or eminently practical. "Edward V. Harrington" gained a cheerfully practical view of various business problems, as well as of social ones. The more delicate considerations of ethics failed to gain his appreciation. He worked hard and he fought to win,—and did.

The Vanishing Swede. By Mary Hamilton O'Connor. 209 pages, 12 mo. New York: Robert Grier Cooke. Price \$1.25.

A very manly, alert and courageous youth is the hero of this bright tale of the Western woods and mountains. For heroine there is a gay and charming Western girl.

The story tells of an exciting search for a lost silver mine called the "Vanishing Swede." There is introduced also the "Homesteader" and the thrilling scenes attendant upon "filing day."

The story is told most cleverly and vividly and there is ample opportunity for playing upon various exhilarating emotions. "Chinaboy" furnishes much humor and fun and keeps the reader constantly interested in his vicissitudes.

The Sunny Side of the Street. By Marshall P. Wilder. 359 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price \$1.20.

Marshall P. Wilder is a native of Hartford and there are many who remember him here, where one may hear anecdotes of his youthful days which prove that he was as "sunny" then as he is now.

The book he has just produced and which he describes as "a bright gar-

land woven from blossoms plucked in the gardens of humor and pathos, which lie side by side," is made up of many anecdotes of well-known people all over the whole world. Wilder has traveled widely and he has always, apparently, been on a wide-awake search for sunshine and

strongly influenced by the idealistic tendencies and theories of his high-strung mother and his own purposes are rather influenced by hers. That some of his ideas are Utopian and impossible, he has to learn for himself, for he refuses to listen to the more experienced advice and recommenda-



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cheerfulness. There is not room here to give proof of his success, but the reader may be assured that he can hardly pass a pleasanter hour and a half than in reading this book.

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tions of his father.

He interests himself in some of the struggles of labor. He learns to struggle with indomitable perseverance and in the end he wins his fight,

but not just such a winning as he had thought of.

Peter's Mother. By Mrs. Henry de la



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The Man of the Hour. By Octave Thanet. 477 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

The principal character in this new story by one of the ablest and most clever of American short-story writers is "John Winslow," the son of an American "captain of industry" and a Russian princess. The boy is

Pasture. 345 pages, 12mo. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$1.50.

That the author of this novel is clever there can be no doubt. That she has a keen insight into human motives is equally evident. That she can be vitriolic and cynically humorous, well,—it is doubtful if anyone would dare deny that.

This is the old, old human story,

not so well known in literary circles, at a mother's jealous, unending love for her son. In this story, the scenes of which are principally in England, the mother is shown as one whose youthful marriage to an older, a duller, and conceited well-to-do countryman, chilled her girlish joy in living and made it a mere business.

8 sup. 6 illus. The father dies. The boy grows up and runs away to take part in the Boer war. Then he returns and falls in love with a girl who knows how to manage him, and then the mother,—but the story must be read. Suffice to say that all ends well and happily for everyone.

Dr. Grenfell's Parish. By Norman Duncan. 133 pages, 12 mo. New

misery and above all their pitiable joys. The book is an inspiration.

Through the courtesy of the publishers we reproduce in connection with this notice one of the book's interesting illustrations.

Mrs. Jim and Mrs. Jimmie. By Stephen Conrad. 296 pages, 12mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

Here is surely a new character—the most talkative woman in all literature. "Mrs. Jim" is the lady referred to. She is certainly good-natured, though; frequently witty, and more than occasionally guilty of a gentle irony,—but always amusing and subtle. Subtle, because she so often mildly leads up to, and leaves an

of the selfishness of a younger brother. David Ransom's brother Ben took his share of a heritage and a silver watch which had been bequeathed to his older brother. He left the farm and plunged into dissipation.

David remained behind, his plans of life upset somewhat by his brother's vagaries, and yet ultimately attaining a happiness and success he deserved.

The story is a clean and wholesome one and despite the apparent showing of the outlined plot, its tone is natural and void of false sentiment.

The Little Hills. By Nancy Huston Banks. 325 pages, 12mo. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price \$1.50.



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opening for her step-daughter, "Mrs. Jimmie," to drop in the needed and obvious acidulous comment.

In a word, this is an account of "certain town experiences of the Second Mrs. Jim, as related to Jimmie's wife." Poor foolish human nature is satirized and picked gently, but thoroughly to pieces, and the reader will laugh abundantly throughout the different chapters, which deal with various phases of every-day life.

David Ransom's Watch. By "Pansy." 354 pages, 12mo. Boston: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co. Price \$1.50.

Mrs. Alden has written this story in a way that will give pleasure to young readers and older ones alike.

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